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The Right Bank---

—One of the most important factors in your business success is having the right kind of a bank to deal with. Too much care can not be exercised in your selection.

—The all important consideration with this bank is first to safeguard the money of its depositors and to render them such business service as to increase their prosperity and thus increase the value of the account.

—We extend every possible courtesy to borrowers consistent with safety, and will be glad to give you conscientious advice on any business problem.

SECURITY STATE BANK

A GUARANTY FUND BANK

—Member Federal Reserve System—

—\$60,000.00 Capital—

"Buy It In Decatur"

CIVIC CLUB'S WORK PLANNED AT MEET

The executive committee of the Civic Improvement Club met in Miss Jewell Taylor's office on Monday evening at seven-thirty o'clock, to plan work for improving the appearance of our town.

Mrs. J. V. Patterson, chairman of the club, opened the meeting, and announced her chairman of the districts of the town, as follows: Mrs. E. W. Bass, chairman of north side lawn of the court house; Mrs. Carl Christian, chairman of west side lawn of court house; Mrs. C. C. Henderson, chairman of east side lawn of court house; Mrs. P. J. Fulgim, chairman of south side lawn of court house.

Miss Taylor will see the commissioners' court about furnishing tin borders for the flower beds.

The committee also voted to request the commercial club to see the Fort Worth & Denver people about making a park at our passenger station.

All the chairmen were urged to get every woman in their districts to attend the mass meeting to be held this Friday afternoon at three o'clock at the Majestic theatre.

Two prizes will be given twice each year—at the last of May and just before the fall fair—for the best kept premises and best kept district.

CLEAN-UP OF TOWN IS WELL ORGANIZED

Decatur's beginning undertaking in the belated campaign to redeem the town's good name in the sake of cleanliness, sanitation and order, said occurrence being a dinner at the Hotel Greathouse last Friday night, culminated in a happy success, as well as in the perfection of organization to carry the effort forward to the greatest goal of success.

The dinner was arranged by the clean-up committee of the chamber of commerce, Superintendent L. B. Gill, chairman, and Leys. J. W. Slagle and R. E. Bell and Albert Allam, members. President W. A. Hughes presided at the opening, but soon turned the gavel of proceedings over to Miss Jewell L. Taylor, who very admirably conducted the events of the meeting on to the desired end of success.

The purpose sought was the stimulation of interest in the clean-up campaign that has been declared for the days of Friday and Saturday March 9th and 10th, as per the arrangement of Chairman Gill's committee, and in response to the proclamation issued by Mayor S. Terrell Lillard and published in this week's

issue of the Messenger. A subsidiary but no less important interest was that of creating permanent organization for the prolonging of the clean-up effort and of bringing positive civic improvement to the town.

A splendid lady was chosen for the post of leadership, Mrs. J. V. Patterson. Her appointment was announced by President Hughes, who announced also that Mrs. Patterson would be accorded the privilege of naming the personnel of her executive committee.

The meeting was attended by both men and women to the capacity of the hotel dining room's limit of accommodation. Incidentally, the social atmosphere was pleasant but the general tone of the many expressions, volunteer and otherwise, ran all to the serious purpose of what would be done to the town to make it clean and tidy and beautiful, free of the hazards of disease and wholesomely free of the discomfort of insect bites and stings.

Mrs. Patterson's subsequent appointments, the name of the organization adopted, and the general plan and scheme are set forth in another place in the Messenger.

POLICE OF DALLAS ON WITNESS STAND

L. O. Buzan and William Ely of the Dallas police force were here the first of the week as witnesses in the cases of George Dixon and Jack Sharp who were convicted of burglarizing the safe in the general store of the Bridgeport Coal Company. Sharp and Dixon were arrested by Policemen Buzan and Ely on the streets of Dallas, and while the testimony of the officers on the stand made the occasion of the arrests a very tame affair, such was not the case by any means. It was only by very quick thinking and quicker action that Ely found that Dixon had stuck a big forty-five revolver in his stomach. Ely quickly grabbed the gun and, showing it to one side, choked Dixon down with his other hand. Ely's life was saved because the pistol was single-action and was not cocked. Sharp was arrested by Buzan, but offered no resistance. Two guns were taken from Sharp. When searched, the suspects were relieved of about \$100 in bonds and other valuables taken from the Bridgeport safe, besides a quantity of dynamite fuses, caps, nitro-glycerine, soap and ammunition.

Officers Buzan and Ely are said to be two of Dallas' "finest and best."

BURGLARS OF SAFE AT BRIDGEPORT SENT TO PEN

Dixon and Sharp Given Terms in Prison In Court Tuesday

George Dixon, charged with burglarizing the Bridgeport Coal Company store on the night of January 10th, was tried in the district court Tuesday and a jury returned a verdict of guilt, assessing the punishment at six years in state prison. Dixon was also tried on a charge of theft, and the jury brought in a verdict for five years in the penitentiary.

Jack Sharp, companion of Dixon in the Bridgeport robbery, was tried in two cases, burglary and theft, and received five years in each case. Before the jury charge was delivered to the jury in the Sharp case, the defendant took the stand and made a talk to the jury. He said that he was not in Bridgeport at the time of the robbery; that he had never been in this part of the state. He swore that he met Dixon in Dallas a few nights before the pair's arrest by Dallas officers and that the money and bonds found on his person when taken by the policemen had been put in his pocket by Dixon. He accounted for the pistol being found on him by saying that he recently returned from a stay in Mexico, and while in that country he was given permission by the government to go armed, and that when he came into the state he failed to take off his shooting arms. Sharp talked in a clear voice, and he was positive in his statement. "Of course," he said, "I realize I'm up against it, as I have no money to employ counsel, and the fact that I wore that big brown hat when arrested looks bad for me. But, gentlemen, I can explain that. I found that hat in Dixon's room in a house on Ross avenue in Dallas, and when we started down town that night I pulled off the cap I had been wearing and put on the hat. I never saw the hat before in my life. The witnesses who stated on this stand that they saw me in Bridgeport with that hat on would not knowingly tell a lie, but they are mistaken. They say the man with Dixon in Bridgeport wore that hat. That is probably true, but I did not wear the hat; I never saw it until I picked it up in George's room in Dallas. The hat must have been left there by the man who wore it in Bridgeport."

Dixon, through his trial, smiled and chatted with officers who sat near him. He smiled when the jury came in and delivered their verdict. He told a deputy sheriff that he was expecting a much heavier sentence than he received.

A number of witnesses were present from Bridgeport and they testified they saw Dixon and Sharp in their town on the day preceding the burglary. Dallas officers who arrested the men were here and testified.

Very little is known about Sharp, stated these officers, but they said Dixon was considered a "bad man," with a long criminal record in several Texas cities. Several years ago he was convicted for burglary and attempted murder in San Antonio and was sentenced to forty-five years in the Huntsville prison. While serving the first-year of the term he made his escape. It is said he was wanted by prison authorities of Leavenworth, Kansas where, reports say, he escaped while serving a term. Officers in Fort Worth say Dixon has a bad record in California, and is wanted by the San Quentin prison officials. They will be turned over to penitentiary officers in a few days.

PROPOSED NORMAL GOOD PROSPECT FOR DECATUR

Delegation Will be Sent to Austin to Confer With Officials

A mass meeting of Decatur citizens was held in the district court room Monday afternoon for the purpose of discussing and taking action on the movement to get a North Texas junior normal for the town. A good crowd was present, and the interest manifested by all indicated that the people of the town are behind the splendid efforts of Mr. E. T. Kemp in his plans to make Decatur a school town.

The meeting was addressed by Mr. Kemp, President Elder L. D. Shawver and Honorable T. J. McMurray. Mr. Kemp stated that prospects for the school were bright and asked the co-operation of Decatur people in the movement he put afoot several weeks ago. He told of the progress made, plans, etc. that were rapidly maturing. Rev. Shawver made an enthusiastic talk, saying that it was up to Decatur people to step out and make their wants known if the town were to take rank as an educational center. He paid a splendid tribute to the institutions of learning the town now has, and predicted success for the movement to bring a junior normal here. Mr. McMurray related the history of the struggles of the Decatur Baptist College; how the school had overcome its trials, standing today as one of the best institutions in the state. The speaker stated that Decatur citizen would assist this college in its present onward march by doing their utmost for the movement to get another school here. At the close of the speech-making a committee was appointed to send a delegation to Austin to "scotch" for the bill which is to be introduced, asking the state to accept the valuable property offered by Decatur for the purpose of taking care of the overflow students in the junior department of the North Texas Normal College.

Decatur citizens will offer the state the beautiful Bellah property east of the Fort Worth & Denver passenger depot, consisting of a handsome and well constructed rock building and fourteen acres of land. Additional acreage, and the Christian property, amounting to thirty acres, has been secured and will be included in the offer tendered the state. The property, valued at around fifty thousand dollars, will be given the state absolutely free.

Mr. Kemp, who is the leader in the movement and who originated the idea of bringing another school to Decatur, left Wednesday afternoon for Austin. State Treasurer C. V. Terrell, a former Decatur citizen, is said to be working hard in the movement, and he has stated that the prospects are flattering.

MOCK MAJESTIC BY STUDENTS AT D. B. C.

For the benefit of an athletic fund, the talent of Decatur Baptist College is working hard on a "mock majestic" to be given Friday, March 3rd. The bill will consist of six acts, and will be assisted by an orchestra of unusual talent.

A bill of this kind will be something new on the hill and everyone is working hard in an effort to make it a "howling success."

In next week's Messenger will appear the entire cast and the title of each act.

MAYOR ISSUES PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, it has been duly authenticated to me that there is a wide-spread desire in the minds of our people to remedy the many bad conditions that confront the city from the standpoint of health, civic orderliness and beauty; and

Whereas, it may not be doubted that such conditions do exist as places, hazards on the continuing of good health of our citizenship at large; and

Whereas, the voluntary co-operation of the citizenship in the endeavor of collecting debris and every manner of refuse is not only a splendid but desirable means of improving our conditions;

The effort by the powers invested in me as the mayor of Decatur, I do set aside and declare the days of Friday and Saturday, March 9th and 10th to be public clean-up days in Decatur, and I hereby call upon the people to arise to this responsibility of citizenship and use their utmost endeavors to eradicate and improve the generally unwholesome conditions that obtain.

Done this 21st day of February, 1923.
S. TERRELL LILLARD,
Mayor of Decatur.



—While you are able to work and earn money why can't you put some of it in the bank?

—You can open a bank account with a little money and you can add little sums that you are fiddling away, until some day you'll find it has grown into a big sum—and it will work for you in your old age.

—Start a bank account now!

First National Bank

Decatur : : : Texas.

"Buy It In Decatur"

BANQUET HELD BY LOCAL DE MOLAYS

The local chapter of De Molay celebrated its first anniversary last Saturday night with a banquet at the Hotel Greathouse and a meeting at the Masonic hall. A majority of the membership of the order was present with lady friends, while the members of the local Masonic advisory council, with their wives, were also present.

The banquet at the Greathouse was given at eight o'clock. The repast was a splendid one and was greatly enjoyed. After the feast, the crowd repaired to the Masonic hall, where a program of addresses, music and reading was rendered. Chairman Ray Christian of the local advisory council, delivered the welcome address, and in a very happy manner gave the guests to understand that their presence was appreciated. He spoke briefly of the rapid growth of the Decatur De Molay chapter, and complimented the members upon their enthusiasm in the work.

Temple Houston Morrow, a prominent Mason of Dallas, delivered a very inspiring address, in which he told of the great good the order of De Molay was doing in the nation. He outlined and explained the purposes of the order, telling of the important work being done among the young men. Mr. Morrow took occasion to pay his compliments to the Masons of Decatur for their zeal in Masonic work, and upon their interest in the De Molay work. Special interest was attached to the address of Mr. Morrow owing to the fact that he is the great-grandson of General Sam Houston, one of the founders of Texas; and the altruistic spirit expressed by the speaker indicated strongly that the noble ideals of Houston still permeated his being.

President J. L. Ward of Decatur Baptist College made a splendid address upon "The Future of the Order of De Molay." His remarks were very optimistic, and he pictured the great possibilities for accomplishment in this lodge of young men, which is formed along the lines of the great Masonic order. The speaker gave much encouragement to the local chapter in picturing the past rapid advancement of the order and comparing it with the prospects of the future.

Howard Man, a former chairman of the council, brought greetings from Bridgeport, and told of the interest manifested in the chapter by Bridgeport Masons and De Molays. He also encouraged the members to a greater understanding and following of the principles of the founder of the order.

Orator Frank Killough of the local chapter, delivered a splendid oration upon the life and death of Jacques De Molay, the great exemplar of the order, for whom the lodge was named

and from whose heroic fidelity the principles were established.

Enjoyable piano numbers were rendered by Misses Jacobina Burch and Lady Bess Prunty, and Miss Minnie Lee Williams gave a splendid reading. Enthusiastic talks were made by De Molays and members of the council, all expressing gratification upon the progress of the chapter and looking to its continued advancement. The "home-brew" orchestra gave several splendid selections during the banquet and at Masonic hall.

REGISTRATIONS AT NEW GREATHOUSE

R. E. Doyle, Dallas; Mark Marshal, Chico; H. H. De Strong, Paris; W. W. Thompson, Dallas; G. R. Moore, Dallas; E. S. Springfield, Dallas; R. J. Daggett, Dallas; L. E. Fenney, Dallas; R. H. Hoskins, Duncan, Oklahoma; J. H. Knight, Burk Burnett; H. B. Lamonte, Dallas; W. C. Capp, Dallas; F. C. Benham, Dallas; F. O. McKinsey, Weatherford; J. L. Mill-sap, Fort Worth; R. E. Blair, Royce City; J. M. Hagan, Royce City; C. L. Kennedy, Pratt, Kansas; B. Laswell and wife, Pratt, Kansas; T. H. Morrow, Dallas; William Ely, Dallas; L. O. Buzan, Dallas; J. R. Stephens and wife, Wichita Falls; Philip Hitz, San Antonio; A. S. Martin and wife, city; Mrs. C. Gaines and son, San Antonio; B. H. Houston, Arlington; J. S. Townes, Dallas; Earl Hudson, Dallas; Clyde S. Trammell, Dallas; H. L. Alderson, Bowie; Ted Warner, Dallas; E. C. Morgan, Dallas; G. S. Griffith, D. Leon; W. W. Bradley, Dallas; Arthur S. Riley, Dover, Ohio; Ben Lawson, Fort Worth; R. S. Bell, Dallas; H. A. Jennings and wife, Dallas; R. E. Taylor, Wichita Falls; Roy R. Sellers, St. Louis, Missouri; H. E. Kessler, Dallas; Tom G. Ben, Dallas; F. V. McMorde, Dallas; Dr. H. C. Eargle, Graham; H. Stricker, Dallas; W. W. Pentecost, Fort Worth; W. J. Sloan, Los Angeles, California; F. L. Kem-brough, Fort Worth; G. Wardlow, Fort Worth; M. Valdez, Fort Worth; R. B. Craft, Fort Worth; R. J. Bassett, Dallas; Mike Murphy, Dallas; Ben J. Gavitt, Dallas; S. H. Mol-erston, Boston, Massachusetts; S. Smith and family, New York City; J. N. Fender, Dallas; E. P. Brown, H. M. Langheim, Wichita Falls; Thomas W. Smith, Dallas; J. A. Abbe, Dallas; R. S. Bet, Dallas; T. C. Husted, Fort Worth; Edwin Lacey, Longview; J. H. Fayner, Longview; C. W. Foster, Longview; George J. Mason, et. al.; C. R. George, Dallas; R. J. Jones, Dallas; W. A. Kelm, Fort Worth; J. M. Davis, Gainesville; Jas. Ellis, Wichita Falls; Sam Prince, Wichita Falls; E. W. C. Baker and wife, Verico; E. Leonard, Dallas; Sam R. Gable, Hong Kong, China; Sidney Bigham, London, England.

RADIO Supplies

Guaranteed 3000-Ohm
Head Phones
for \$5.00

Other prices

Brandes phones.....\$8.00
Frosh phones.....\$4.50
22 1/2-volt B battery.....\$3.00
45-volt B battery.....\$5.00
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Insulators......15
Switches......50
Rheostats, 30c to.....\$1.50
Detector tube.....\$5.00
Amplifier tube.....\$6.50

JUST RECEIVED—A Stock of
the new Radiotron tubes—Use
One-fourth the "juice" with
More power than the old
tube—Priced at \$9.00

Moon loud speaker.....\$7.50

We sell the well known Crosley
Complete set from \$25 to \$300.

We also sell the

MU-RAD

"The star of the radio world."
Uses no ground and only a small
loop aerial. Move it anywhere!
Guaranteed to reach 1000 miles.
Ask for demonstration.

IF IT'S RADIO—
CALL ON US!

**Decatur
Motor Company**

THE RIGHT THING
at the
RIGHT TIME

By MARY MARSHALL DUFFEE

Too late I stayed—forgive the crime!
Unheeded flew the hours.—William Robert
Spencer.

HOW LONG TO STAY

AN INVITATION to have luncheon
with a friend or to attend a formal
luncheon is not an invitation to spend
the entire afternoon. At least, in smart
society nowadays, it is not considered
necessary to remain more than a quarter
of an hour after the meal has been
concluded, nor is it courteous to re-
main more than three-quarters of an
hour unless the hostess has especially
requested her guests to do so. It may
be that the hostess has some other so-
cial engagement for the afternoon. She
may have calls to make or a tea to at-
tend. If she is a busy woman, with
professional or household duties to at-
tend to, she certainly will not want
you to linger. In fact, sometimes busy
folk invite their acquaintances to
luncheon because, since they must take
time to lunch anyway, they lose no
time that way. So usually, unless the
hostess expects you to leave shortly
after luncheon, she indicates this in
her invitation. If she is giving a for-
mal luncheon she indicates that there
will be music or cards or something of
that sort after luncheon. Otherwise it
is best to linger not over three-quarters
of an hour.

But except among persons with very
crowded engagement books a dinner
invitation means the entire evening.
That is, in fashionable society dinner
guests usually remain until nearly
eleven o'clock or later. It certainly
is not very flattering to any one to
hurry away from a dinner engagement
to the theater or a dance when the
meal has just been concluded. If a
dance occurs the same evening it is
possible to "drop in" following the
dinner but it would be far better to
be late to the dance than to be too
absent in leaving the dinner party.

Now, for folks who are not in so-
called fashionable society a lot de-
pends on the habits and mode of liv-
ing of the persons entertained and the
persons who entertain. In certain
suburban sections where it is taken
for granted that most of the men have
to catch early trains in the morning
it is customary and in good form to
leave after a dinner party fairly early.
Ten o'clock is late enough. One
should always try to learn the cus-
tom in this matter as it is extremely
inconsiderate to remain after the usual
bedtime of the persons who are enter-
taining you. Casual evening callers
ought to be especially careful to leave
in good time.

BRIDGEPORT NEWS (Index.)

A wedding of interest to an exten-
sive circle of friends was solemnized
Thursday, February 8th at six o'clock
when Miss Leta Bailey became the
bride of Mr. Clarence Kaker. The
color scheme of pink and white was
carried out beautifully with cut flow-
ers in large wicker baskets and vases
used profusely over the house. Pink
light shades made the scene very
beautiful. Under an archway banked
with flowers and ribbons extending
down either side, Rev. A. D. Roberts
read a very impressive and beautiful
ceremony.

Walter Phillips returned Sunday
night from a most important trip to
Crosbyton, bringing with him the
former Miss Pearl McCurdy, one of
that town's fairest young ladies, to
whom he was united in marriage the
Saturday morning before. Mr. Phil-
lips is with the Hardin Lumber Com-
pany and regarded as one of Bridge-
port's best young business men. He
has lived here a long time and no
young man occupies a higher place in
public esteem than he does. His
bride is also well known here and
has many friends among Bridgeport
people. She is a sister of Mrs. M. P.
Mask and at one time was a saleslady
in the store. A young woman of
culture, refinement and an attractive
personality, she will make the man
of her choice an ideal companion.

J. W. Carey returned last week
from a trip to New York City and
Roanoke, Virginia. At the latter
place he was in conference with the
owners of the Carey well, but if any-
thing was accomplished at the con-
ference more than to confer it hasn't
as yet leaked out. We understand
that Mr. Hunter, one of the Carey's
contracting drillers, is to return here
from New York in a few days and
start another test well three or four
miles southward from the original
Carey. Mr. Hunter is an experienced
oil man and it is said his faith that
there is a great oil pool in the vicinity
of the Carey well is still unshaken.
The fact that he, in connection with
the Carey Oil Corporation, has re-
cently gotten hold of large acreage
in that immediate locality indicates
that hope of finding oil there had not
been abandoned and that we are go-
ing to take another crack at the oil
business.

CHICO NEWS (Review.)

Dr. Jennings, Dr. Blanton and Dr.
Poteet were all sick last week and
Dr. Wilkerson was the only physician
able to be on duty. They are all
improving, and Drs. Blanton and Jen-
nings are on duty again.

Grandma Odom, aged eighty-nine
years, died at the home of J. L. Ogle
in Chico Wednesday morning, Feb-
ruary 14th. Funeral was conducted
from the Methodist church Thursday
at three-thirty o'clock. Burial was
made in the Chico cemetery.

Mrs. J. J. Chesser, age sixty-five
years, who lived seven miles north-
west of Chico, died at El Centro on
Saturday, February 10th, while on a
visit to her son at that place. The
remains were shipped to Chico Sun-
day and burial occurred in the Olive
Branch cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Allen have re-
ceived an announcement of the mar-
riage of their son, Jack Allen Jr., of
Breckenridge, to Miss Mae Stobaugh
of that place on February 8th. The
ceremony was performed by Rev. L.
M. Henderson in the auditorium of
the First Christian church.

Last Tuesday County Judge Ward
and County Commissioners St. Clair,
Woody, Hartsell and Hanna came
over from Decatur, accompanied by
Engineer Taylor, to make a prelimi-
nary examination of the route of the
highway to run from Chico by way
of Park Springs to the Montague
county line. Accompanied by several
citizens from Chico, they went to
Park Springs. It is expected by the
commissioners to commence work on
this road by way of Park Springs in
a short time. It is contemplated to
make about three preliminary sur-
veys, then select the cheapest and
best route which will accommodate
the most people. These men are en-
thusiastic about this road and they
are going to do their best to give the
people the very best road possible
for the money.

81 YEARS OLD GAINS 21 POUNDS

Pioneer Citizen Has Remarkable Ex-
perience in Regaining Lost Health;
Now "Sleeps Like a Kid."

Mr. J. E. Selby, proprietor Selby Supply
Co., Marietta, La., says, "I am 81 years
old. Enjoyed phenomenal health from 1872
until last May. I began to lose flesh, indiges-
tion was manifested, appetite variable, com-
plicated with insomnia. My weight was re-
duced to 144 pounds; I became so weak I
staggered—was barely able to walk 200
yards from my home to my store. Thinking
I might be deficient in iron and vitamins,
I began taking Ironized Yeast. In less than
30 days I had regained my customary weight
(165), gaining 21 pounds in that time, can
now eat and enjoy three hearty meals per
day and sleep like a 'kid.' The gain is solid
flesh, and I feel as able to attend to my busi-
ness as I was ten years ago."

The principle of Ironized Yeast is en-
dorsed by the world's greatest chemists. It
supplies the very elements you must have
to maintain health. It is guaranteed to
bring back your old time, vigorous health.
Do not confuse Ironized Yeast with yeast
cakes. It is a concentrated extract of
brewer's yeast, the kind doctors recommend
for use in medicine. If you are weak, un-
derweight, nervous, run down, profit by Mr.
Selby's experience. Get a package of Iron-
ized Yeast from your druggist—a ten day
treatment costs only a dollar and your
money will be refunded unless you are de-
lighted with results. Ironized Yeast Co.,
Atlanta, Ga.

OFFICERS OF CIVIC CLUB ARE ELECTED

Pursuant to her appointment as
president of the newly organized
Decatur Civic League, Mrs. J. V. Pat-
terson announced the selection of the
following citizens to co-operate and
work with her in the general im-
provement ends to be attained: Mrs.
J. H. Cates, secretary; Mrs. Dick
Collins, treasurer; Mrs. L. W. Tyler,
press reporter; Mrs. Carl Christian,
Mrs. P. J. Fullingim, Mrs. C. C. Hen-
derson and Mrs. E. W. Bass. The
last four ladies mentioned are to have
charge each as leaders of a section
of the town which combined encom-
passes the town's territory. In ad-
dition, Floyd M. Kenny was asked to
head a special committee to draw any
landscaping plans that may be neces-
sary. Additionally, a committee of
six ladies each will serve on the re-
spective sectional committees, whose
chairmen are respectively indicated
above.

A study of the plan as outlined by
Mrs. Patterson proves it to be alto-
gether worthy and ambitious for the
finest, higher interests of Decatur.
What remains to be done now is for
the town's splendid citizenship as a
whole to get behind her three effi-
cient heads who have been asked to
assume the places of generalship in
this great and earnest drive on the
town's long years' accumulations of
disorder, the leaders being Superin-
tendent L. B. Gill, who will handle
the school end of the onslaught as
well as general leadership of the big
clean-up campaign; Mrs. Patterson,
president of the civic league; and
Gus Hughes, whose task falls within
the business district.

It is hardly to be thought that the
Decatur people will fail in this
worthy effort. They have not yet
failed when called to act in a right-
eous quest and may still be expected
to do so.

SOME FARM NOTES BY COUNTY AGENT

Sweet clover should be sown this
month if possible. Have a firm seed
bed and sow about fifteen pounds to
the acre. Ask an expert who has grown
it before how he likes it.

The life of an orchard is proper
cultivation, pruning and spraying.
Pruning should be completed this
month, and quite a bit of spraying.
Prune for an open head. Peach and
plum trees bear fruit on the previous
season's growth, so this should be
cut about one-half. All fruiting spurs
should be removed from the body and
main frame work branches of the
pear tree. This is the best method
of controlling pear blight, as it is
thru blossoms that this parasite en-
ters the tree, and if blossoms are kept
off of the trunks they stand less
chance of being infected.

All seed oats should be treated be-
fore planting with formaldehyde to
prevent smut. Use the spray method.
As the seeds are being shoveled
from one heap to another each shovel-
ful is sprayed with a solution of
one pint of forty per cent formalde-
hyde to one gallon of water. This
solution is used at the rate of one
quart to each fifty bushels of oats.
A small quart sprayer is very con-
venient for this work. Do not wet
the seed, only moisten them with the
solution. Cover the treated oats with
a sheet or blanket to confine the
vapors to the grain. At the end of
five hours the grain should be ready
to plant.—W. M. Love, Agent.

Notice by Publication.

The state of Texas. To the sheriff
or any constable of Wise county,
Greeting:

You are commanded to cause to
be published in a newspaper of gen-
eral circulation, which has been pub-
lished continuously and regularly for
a period of not less than one year
in your county, at least once a week
for ten days previous to the return
day hereof, copies of the following
notice:

The State of Texas. To all persons
interested in the estate of Ed Mattix,
deceased. John Mattix and Ed Mat-
tix have filed an application in the
county court of Wise county on the
13th day of February, A. D. 1923,
for the probate of the last will and
testament of Ed Mattix, deceased,
which said application will be heard
by said court on the 2nd day of
April, A. D. 1923, at the court house
of said county, in Decatur, at which
time all persons who are interested
in said estate are required to appear
and contest said application, should
they desire to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you be-
fore said court, on the first day of
the next term thereof, this writ, with
your return thereon, showing how
you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and official seal,
at Decatur, Texas, this 14th day of
February A. D. 1923.—JIM BELEV.
Clerk, county court of Wise county,
Texas. By J. Lee Mann, Deputy to
clerk. (Feb 16-23)

**Owen's
Barber
Shop**

SHARP RAZORS

CLEAN TOWELS

GOOD WORKMAN-
SHIP!

NOW LOCATED IN BASEMENT OF
M'MURRAY-GETTYS BLDG

BULL ASSOCIATION NEGOTIATED HERE

Decatur community, working thru
the agencies of County Farm Agent
W. M. Love and the chamber of com-
merce, succeeded last Saturday in
closing the final negotiations for the
organization of a pure-blood bull as-
sociation, composed of the vicinities
of Sycamore, Sweetwater and Deca-
tur. Officers chosen for the associa-
tion are: Rev. J. L. Ward, president;
John Horseman of Sycamore, vice-
president; Fred Thomason of Sweet-
water, secretary-treasurer.

This movement had its impetus last
November when a dairy school was
held in Decatur, and when it was
developed by experts in dairy matters
in attendance, most notably J. Lynn
Thomas of the A. & M. College, and
Professor J. W. Ridgeway of the Mis-
sissippi Creamery Company of Fort
Worth, that the Decatur community
dairy stock was decidedly too low in
commercial production value. Presi-
dent Lindsley Waters of Tennessee
Dairies of Dallas, who was also pres-
ent, was of that opinion and endorsed
his faith and advocacy of the bull
circle by forthrightly offering to
make a hundred-dollar cash donation
from his company to Decatur dairymen
in the event they would organize the
proposed bull association. This
generous donation now becomes
available, made so by the persistency
of the efforts of the county agent and
the secretary of the chamber of com-
merce who, realizing the very great
importance of the undertaking, left
no stone unturned to consummate
it. It has been a hard struggle, but
it has been put across with an ex-
cellent staff of officers to conduct it
and a binding contract signed and
authenticated to hold the organiza-
tion to a business principle.

A further matter of gratification
is that wide-spread interest in better
milk production stock has been ev-
erywhere created, to such a degree
indeed that other circles will be rap-
idly built up and that still more
register of merit bulls will be im-
ported to be utilized on our native
stock. Each of these bulls secured
under the articles of the newly cre-
ated association will serve a commu-
nity for a duration of two years when
he will be rotated to another com-
munity organized in the circle. The
limit of breeding in any one season
is fifty cows in a circle, the total of
the three sires for the six years being
nine hundred cows. From these fig-
ures it is seen at once what an im-
mense impress for improvement, this
movement is destined to bring about.
But not alone that, the progeny of
these sires out of the best cows the
community now supports come them-
selves into the reckoning—say at the
end of two or three years—and begin
rapidly to transform native stock of
poor and average quality into high
production milk cattle. If by that
time, as now seems certain, other
circles are organized, the computa-
tion for improvement and goodness
derivatively from the several sources
must exceed in combination any rea-
sonable expectation that may be put
on it.

The community is to be congratu-
lated on this accomplishment. Our
own community is one of the very
few in the state which has shown
sufficient enterprise to grasp the op-
portunity for improvement and try
to realize on it. Our hat is off to
Wise county's farm agent, who has
worked hard this definite and prac-
tical matter. He has good prospects
for establishing a similar movement
among the dairymen at Paradise.

During the fat stock show a com-
mittee, headed by President Ward,
will visit the pure-breds at Fort
Worth for inspection. Not a dollar
of the association's money will be
spent, however, until such sires as
are wanted shall have been passed
upon and duly credentialed by the
representatives of A. & M. College.

Don't wait for an advertising com-
petitor to put you on the defense.
Take the initiative yourself for the
jump is a valuable lead.

Don't try to shave with a dull razor
—have Roe Shoemaker hone it for
you.

OUTLINE PROGRAM OF CITY CLEAN-UP

Chairman Gus Hughes, who has
been assigned the onerous duty of
heading the clean-up campaign in the
business district on clean-up days,
March 9th and 10th, circulated an
efficiently made plane Tuesday which
shows the area of contemplated work
carefully outlined, and leaders ap-
pointed for the respective sections.
These leaders are Zack Lillard, Carl
Christian, Walter Minor, Floyd Ken-
ny, Marvin Smith, Buck Colline, Page
Buttrill and Earl Douglass.

The clean-up takes place in the
business district on Friday, March
10th. It is the intention to ask the
business houses not to open on this
day until headway is made on the
program so that this dairy needed
work may go forward uninterrupted-
ly. The adopted uniform will be
overalls; the coat of arms a hoe and
a rake; colors, pure white; watch-
word, "Do it!"



**50
GOOD
CIGARETTES
10¢**

GENUINE
"BULL"
DURHAM
TOBACCO

BE AS CRITICAL

as you like of our shoe
repairing and you will
find we deliver the
goods. Let us make ox-
fords of your high-top
shoes—a dollar saved is
a dollar made.

Champion Shoe Shop

Adding to Equipment

In 1922 we installed twenty-eight new
compressors to our equipment, and are
now installing two more at Petrolia Sta-
tion. These are necessary to maintain
the pressure to transport gas through
the main lines. They cost as follows:

Five at Oil City, Okla.....	\$ 85,000
Twelve at Gas City, Okla.....	175,000
Six at Purnell, Okla.....	95,000
Five at Brazos, Texas.....	85,000
Total	\$440,000

This represents the cost of the engines
alone. Installation requires an elaborate
system of valves and piping, the pro-
vision and maintenance of a large water
supply for cooling the gas, and the hous-
ing to protect the machinery—in many
instances involving an expenditure as
large as that for the compressors.

• As gas fields get further away from the
sale of gas, and as wells decrease in rock
pressure, greater compression is required
—only one of many large expenditures
needed to give Texas communities
the best possible natural gas service.

**LONE STAR GAS CO.
DALLAS, TEXAS**

THRILLS
THROBS

**FORT
WORTH
MARCH
3-10
1923**

TEXAS'
JOY WEEK

**SOUTHWESTERN EXPOSITION
FAT STOCK SHOW
& AUTOMOBILE SHOW
Big Rodeo Features**

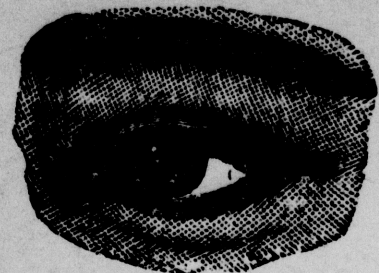
Ride 'Em Cowboy!

**6 Days of
FUN FAST AND FURIOUS!**

**Educational—Entertaining
REDUCED RATES ON ALL RAIL
ROADS TO FORT WORTH**

Don't Miss It!





The best is none too good for your eyes.

See Us and See Better!

EAGLE DRUG HOUSE

—Druggists and Opticians—

Everett W. Bass, Optometrist

Local News

NEW TRAIN SCHEDULE OF FORT WORTH & DENVER.

NORTH BOUND.

No. 1—11:25 a. m.
No. 6—7:50 p. m.
No. 7—12:21 a. m.

SOUTH BOUND.

No. 2—5:25 p. m.
No. 6—10:35 a. m.
No. 8—5:26 a. m.
All trains stop at Decatur.

Bob Hunt was in Fort Worth Monday.

D. M. Turner was in Henrietta this week.

Uncle Billy King is here from Henrietta.

The Preskitt school closed on last Tuesday.

F. T. Ward is at home from Wichita Falls.

Miss Pearl Elsasser visited in Sanger Sunday.

Fate Renshaw was here Monday from Rhome.

Mrs. G. F. Plaxco visited last week in Fort Worth.

T. F. Milligan was here from Fort Worth Tuesday.

Mr. Bill Wilson was here from Dallas Saturday.

Rev. G. F. Boyd was here Tuesday from Bridgeport.

Dr. W. E. Redford of Boyd, was in Decatur Tuesday.

House paints at wholesale cost at Eagle Drug House.

C. P. Dodson was in Austin on business this week.

Floyd Dodd and family visited in Greenwood Sunday.

Dr. H. C. Eargle was here this week from Graham.

H. W. Barton and P. L. Jones were in Moran this week.

Miss Frances Roberts was here from Graham Sunday.

Attorney J. V. Patterson was in Bridgeport Wednesday.

Editor N. O. Carter of the Alford News, was here Tuesday.

Fresh fish and oysters every day at the City Meat Market.

Professor L. Q. Sparks and family visited at Paradise Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Scott were here Sunday from Wichita Falls.

Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Boyd and son visited in Bridgeport Sunday.

All kinds of bulk garden seed now on sale at Lillard & Company.

Jim B. Thomas, merchant prince of Alford, was here Tuesday.

Mrs. C. F. Plaxco of Fort Worth, visited relatives here last week.

You can get any kind of garden seed in bulk at Lillard & Company.

in Fort Worth Saturday and Sunday.

Miss Annie Plaxco visited relatives

Paint now while you can get paint at wholesale cost, Eagle Drug House.

Mrs. Lawrence Boyd has returned from a week's visit in Wichita Falls.

Miss Lady Bess Prunty was at home Sunday from C. I. A., Denton.

Mrs. F. R. Mack of Wichita Falls, has been the guest of Miss Ada Harding.

Mr. J. M. Hill this week returned to Fort Worth after a stay in Decatur.

Dick Rieger of Rieger Brothers, is recovering from a several weeks' illness.

Howard Man and family were here Saturday and Sunday from Bridgeport.

Judge E. E. Taylor of Wichita Falls, was here Wednesday attending court.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Myers have been here this week from Fort Worth.

Country style pure pork sausage, twenty cents per pound. City Meat Market.

Professor Charlie Sparks of Rhome was a Decatur visitor Sunday and Monday.

E. S. Sells and family of Childress, has been the guests of the family of Jim Holt.

It matters little who killed Cock Robin if you are protected. See J. W. Bailey.

M. A. Buttrill and family of Krum, were here Friday and Saturday visiting relatives.

Have those dull scissors sharpened for twenty-five cents at Roe Shoemaker's shop.

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H. G. Ward returned Tuesday to Wichita Falls after a two weeks' stay in Decatur.

Mrs. Will Bowman has returned from a visit to her father in Ardmore, Oklahoma.

Garden planting time is here. Buy your garden seed in bulk from Lillard & Company.

The most reliable hair tonics on the market are sold by Roe Shoemaker.

Mr. and Mrs. Grady New of Memphis, Tennessee, were here this week visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Christian and Mrs. J. V. Patterson were Fort Worth visitors yesterday.

You will need paint this spring. Get it now at wholesale cost at the Eagle Drug House.

Miss Ruth Payne of Southern Methodist University at Dallas, was at home this week.

Walter Malone and family left this week for Fort Worth, where they will make their home.

Mrs. J. E. Stockton and mother, Mrs. Ganaway, have been visiting relatives in Fort Worth.

Regret and night-have-beens make a thorny road. Insure with me and beat it. J. W. Bailey.

Ray Christian, Carl Carpenter, Rob Smith and Bill Hill visited Tom Rush in Fort Worth Sunday.

Henry Jackson and Earl Petty were here of Boyd, were here Wednesday attending court.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Frazier returned last week from a stay in Bonham and other North Texas points.

Edgar Proctor, Boyd's busy printer was in Decatur Tuesday and paid this office a pleasant call.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Devereux of San Antonio, were here this week visiting Mrs. A. Devereux.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Perdue were here this week from Denton visiting the family of Newt Crabtree.

Professor S. H. Handy, H. H. Anderson and daughter, Miss Willie, were here from Rhome Tuesday.

Professor Clarence Ford of Bridgeport schools, has been ill at his home here this week, but is improving.

Misses Blanche and Madge Scott of Texas Woman's College at Fort Worth, visited homefolks Sunday.

W. P. Thurmond of the City National Bank, has been in Fort Worth this week having his eyes treated.

But few of us know what we ought to till the other fellow tells us. It might be that I can help you. J. W. Bailey.

W. H. John, W. W. Barber and J. N. Davis of the Bridgeport Coal Company, were here Tuesday attending court.

The paint sale still continues at the Eagle Drug House. Better buy your paint while you can get it at wholesale cost.

The local post of the American Legion is planning to bring the Fort Worth Panthers here for a baseball game sometime in March.

Professor Volus Norsworthy was called to his home in Bonham this week on account of the serious illness of his sister, Miss Claudia.

The grand jury re-convened last Monday and was in session two days, returning ten indictments, eight felonies and two misdemeanors.

Eye glasses fitted; any broken part duplicated; satisfaction guaranteed. We know the business—fifteen years' experience. Sanders & Ingram.

Will Phillips was in Fort Worth Tuesday to visit his father, S. M. Phillips, who recently underwent a second operation there. He reports his father's condition as improving.

Julian Stepp and wife, who have been visiting in Dallas, passed thru Decatur on their way to Bowie, where they will visit for a few days before returning to their home at Graham.

The attendance contest in the local lodge of Odd Fellows continues to wax warm. The "blues" were one ahead last Tuesday night, but the "reds" are planning revenge for the next meeting.

Far Lice Remover never fails to rid the chickens of blue bugs, lice, mites, fleas and other pests. A few drops in the drinking water and they are soon all gone. Sold on money-back guarantee by Sanders & Ingram.

Decatur Baptist College basketball team made a trip last week, playing two games. Decatur won from Wesley College, doubling the score of the Greenville school. The locals were defeated by Burlington College by seven points.

There will be a special service at the Sycamore church Saturday morning, February 24th, at eleven o'clock. All members are urged to be present, as this is an important meeting. Also preaching will be held Saturday night and Sunday. C. C. Griffiths, pastor.

Mr. N. S. Porterfield of Shawnee, Oklahoma, and Miss Josephine Panter of Bridgeport, were married here in the county clerk's office last Tuesday, Rev. G. F. Boyd of Bridgeport officiating. The bride is one of the most popular young ladies of Bridgeport.

Among those who attended the district bankers' association in Fort Worth yesterday were: Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Lillard, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Lillard Jr., J. M. Gibbon, Allan Rowan, Ray Christian and Mr. and Mrs. John Simmons.

"Hughey" Jennings of Lubbock, is here this week visiting his parents. Hughey has signed a contract to play baseball with the Lubbock team of the West Texas league during the coming season. He is remembered as one of the best players on Decatur's team for several years.

Miss Alma Christian entertained the forty-two club number two Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Roy Robertson made high score for club members, and Miss Ada Harding for the guests. Delicious refreshments were served. The club will meet Saturday, March 3rd, with Miss Doris Faith.

Harold McCarter went to Bowie the first of the week to attend the field trial now being held there by the dog fanciers of the nation. Mr. McCarter is recognized as one of the best amateur handlers of bird dogs in this section. He carried one of his dogs to Bowie to enter in the trials.

A box supper will be held at the Cuba church on Friday night, February 23rd. Everybody is invited to attend. The proceeds will be equally proportioned between the school and the church. The church will purchase some new song books. The other will help to pay expenses of the school.

Mrs. Effie Price, county superintendent, went to Slidell yesterday, where she met John W. Conn, state rural school inspector. The two have begun a tour of inspection of the forty rural schools in this county which have made application for state aid. Slidell, Needmore, Sycamore and Pecans schools were visited yesterday.

Miss Aleen Smith of this city, and Mr. Bert Patterson, a mechanic of Fort Worth, were married yesterday afternoon in the office of County Judge Sam M. Ward, the judge performing the ceremony. The bride is well and favorably known in Decatur, where she has lived most of her life. She is a charming girl and has many friends. Mr. Patterson is said to be a splendid young man, and holds a good position in Fort Worth. Immediately following the ceremony, the happy couple left for their future home in Fort Worth. Messenger extends congratulations.

MAJESTIC THEATRE PROGRAM

WEEK OF FEB. 21-MAR. 3

Saturday, February 24th—"Timber Queen," number three.

"One Terrible Day," comedy.

"Come and Get Me," western.

Tuesday, February 27—"Son of the Wolf," Jack London's greatest story of the frozen north.

Wednesday and Thursday, February 28th and March 1st—"Salvage," starring Milton Sills and Pauline Frederick, a super feature; a story of mother love. Don't miss this one.

"Round Two," of our leather pushers series. One round of excitement.

"Best Man," comedy.

Friday, March 2nd—"The Altar Stairs," starring Fank Mayo

CLASSIFIED ADS.

1c Per Word

—CASH IN ADVANCE—

No Ad Taken for Less Than 25c.

LOST—Bunch of keys on ring; lost two weeks ago between Durham filling station and my residence. Reward. A. M. SHAW, at Durham filling station. (8)

BUNCH of keys on ring lost about January 24th in front of Owl cafe; about ten keys on ring; keys Nos. 7, 4 and 151 or 157 were on ring. Return to postmaster and receive reward. (8)

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—Pure-bred white Plymouth Rock eggs; \$2.00 to \$3.50 per setting of fifteen.—S. L. MORRIS, Decatur. (8)

FOR SALE—Good jack; cash or on terms.—HELM-DILLEHAY COMPANY, Decatur, Texas. (6)

WANTED

WANTED—An opportunity to handle your individual laundry work, cleaning, pressing and dyeing by parcel post. At present where we are not represented by shippers we can save you money. An opportunity for those living in small towns and rural communities.—THE SHERMAN STEAM LAUNDRY COMPANY of Sherman, Texas. (6-9)

PERKINS-TIMBERLAKE COMPANY

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Showing the Pretty New Spring Dresses and Suits

—With new spring wear of every sort crowding our store, we welcome the women of Decatur and vicinity to come a-shopping. That it will be a trip full of pleasant surprises, we are sure, for on every hand the very latest styles will be seen in their most attractive forms.

—Our present displays of new spring wear are an informal showing that will be welcomed by many who are anxious to know what is proper wear for the dawning season. That every visitor here may inspect our showing with greatest pleasure, each stock has been arranged for convenient viewing.

Spring Dresses

—When you see this showing of new dresses you will not want to spend the time nor effort in making your own or in having them made. In many instances you will be able to buy the complete dress for what the material alone would cost. So plan to come shopping real soon—we know you will be pleased with what you see. This timely offering of new dresses for spring affords the women of Decatur an opportunity to choose from the latest styles as favored by the fashion centers of the country and as developed by the country's foremost dress designers and manufacturers—\$19.50 to \$75.00.

Spring Suits

—That this will be a suit season can not be questioned, for no woman can resist these splendid values in the new models and fabrics now on display. In all models we have a range of sizes which insures you finding your exact size, no matter how hard you are to fit. Extremely chic are the new three-piece suits which we are now featuring for spring wear. And you may choose from any number of the season's most favored fabrics—and an ample variety of newest shades—\$24.50 to \$85.00.

Spring Capes

—At no season of the year is a cape more useful than during the spring. And that it can be made a garment of beauty as well as utility, is especially well shown in our display of the season's new designs. Fabrics of unusual beauty tailored into garments truly representative of the latest style tendencies bring for your approval a variety of capes of unequalled worth.

ASSOCIATED STORES
PERKINS-TIMBERLAKE COMPANY

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC:

Any erroneous reflections upon the character, standing or reputation of any firm, person or corporation which may appear in the columns of the Messenger will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.—Collins & Smith, Publishers.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:

One Year—\$1.50. Six Months—\$1.00. Three Months—50 Cents

Friday Morning, February 23, 1923.



And the filthy alleys are to go!

"Cleanliness is next to Godliness."

Help make Decatur a real college town.

Help keep the city clean and be a public benefactor.

Line up with the ladies in their work of beautifying the town.

Banquet! Gee-whilkins, the crimes that are committed under the name!

At that, the Keystone will be one of the biggest and best in the Wise county oil fields.

A new order is in full force in Fort Worth. Speeders are required to make bail or go to jail.

One juror held out for conviction in the Culberson case in Wichita Falls. Eleven of the major's peers said he was not guilty.

The quirt and spur boys and girls are headed for Fort Worth, and for one week the old town will ring with the doings of the west.

Greater commercial opportunities await the present day business man than ever before. And the advertising route leads to them.

An Abilene woman has lost three thousand dollars worth of diamonds. Too many diamonds for any one woman to have, anyway.

I give my toil in humble pride. To merit, when its end shall come, The love that waits at eventide Within the open door of home.

Autoists, running their cars on the public square are asked to be careful and not interfere with the top spinning tournaments held by crowds of boys.

If the ladies beautify the court lawn, where in the name of goodness will the town loafers lounge and sleep during the nights in the warm summer months?

Wise county has the best bunch of county commissioners to be found anywhere. They are going to build us a highway that we will all be proud of.—Chico Review.

Are you using Decatur-made flour? Are you standing by the splendid institutions the old town has while shouting for other enterprises to come this way? Are you?

It is now believed that France has put her foot in it in invading the Ruhr district. If England and Uncle Sam withdraw their support from the Frenchmen, the Germans are due to repeat.

A fifteen-hundred barrel well has been brought in by Judge Charles Spencer in Montague county. That beats judging and aspiring for congressional honors twenty ways from the deuce.

It is said that it costs the state of Texas over one million and a half dollars to maintain the courts for one year. The cost could be reduced, claim some, if there were more sessions and fewer vacations.

If William Wrigley can afford to spend over three million dollars in one year advertising an article that sells for five cents, what excuse has a business man for not advertising his establishment and its entire line?

An investigation has been ordered for the pension bureau in Washington. It is claimed some startling things will be uncovered. It is said there are too many campus veterans on the rolls; not enough of the deserving.

Every citizen of this community should use every possible influence toward filling the dormitories of Decatur Baptist College next fall. With three hundred boarding students at the college, something like \$180,000 would be turned loose in this city next school session. From a business standpoint, it is worth the effort necessary to build up the college.

Messenger would suggest to the civic improvement club that a motion is in order, requesting the cattle drivers in the community to desist in herding the stock thru the main streets and square of the town. It is absolutely useless for the cattle buyers and drivers are to be permitted to run their stock thru the yards and over flower gardens.

You may not have the very largest newspaper in the world to advertise in, but you will find that the Messenger covers your trading area just as thoroughly and has a comparative advertising rate far lower than the large metropolitan publications.

The progressive Denton citizen is in favor of Decatur's taking over the junior overflow of the North Texas Normal College. For years the Denton school has been crowded, and several times it has been necessary to close the doors and turn the overflow to other schools. Why not establish a first-class branch of the big institution in Decatur, a nearby, neighborly, progressive town!

It is so in the ranks of the old fellows who fought in the civil strife; it is so with the boys who did and died in the world war. The fellow who saw actual service has little to say of his experiences; he never brags and blows. He is quiet, modest and unassuming. But run across the fellow who was with the commissary department behind the lines, or the chap who never sniffed the fumes of burnt gunpowder—then you'll hear the whole story how the enemy was met, routed and driven into the deep and uncut.

Every student who comes to Decatur to attend school will spend from six hundred to one thousand dollars a year in the city. Can you see the importance of building up the splendid school we have and endeavoring to secure other schools for the city? Friday, March 9th, is clean-up day in Decatur. The work is to begin early in the morning and no business houses are to be opened until the town is clean. Every block is being organized for the work and every citizen is expected to do his or her part in carrying out the plans as outlined by the chamber of commerce.

Persistence in advertising lends its greatest value. Too many advertisers place an ad and because the town doesn't go wild and mob their stores with trade, they promptly withhold further effort on the theory that either the time, place or publication isn't suited for the work. This has buried the hopes of many who otherwise would have developed into most wonderfully aggressive business publicists. Newspaper advertising usually pulls from the very beginning, but should it not, repeat your effort knowing that the accumulative results will eventually pay for themselves when the public warms up to your new policy.

The civic improvement club is going to ask the good citizens of Decatur who own chickens to keep up the fowls. Now, of course, a few of the good sisters in the town will object and will tell the good civic club to attend to its own business. You see the old town has a number of citizens who hold the opinion that it's all right for chickens, cattle, hogs and such-like to run at large, and they dare anybody to interfere with their rights and the rights of their pet stock. The same citizens as a rule, believe it is all buncombe and a wanton waste of money to vote bonds for school buildings and good roads, and they kick like bay steers when the tax-collector calls.

For many years Decatur has held the record of being one of the healthiest cities in the state, and this reputation is holding good this winter. Very little serious illness has occurred here, and the various epidemics that have visited other communities have not made undue inroads here. This town could be made even more healthful than at present if the people would take more care and pride in keeping it clean. A clean town is a healthy town. Decatur has natural drainage in every part of the city, which condition gives us an advantage in keeping free from filth which would otherwise accumulate. It is very essential to your health and happiness that you co-operate wholeheartedly in the coming campaign for a complete clean-up of Decatur. Let's make the town shine like a new dollar.

From the experiences of the past three years the farmers of Wise county have learned the lesson of thrift. They have found that there are many ways in which to make a living on the farm; that one does not have to depend on cotton altogether. Dairy cows, poultry, sheep, hogs and feed crops have proven our salvation. While our main money crops have failed time and again, we have taken new hope in the new-found resources which we have formerly considered inconsequential. Our farmers are starting the new year with renewed hope because the splendid rains and snows have left a real season in the ground, and we feel just like this is going to be one of the most prosperous years Wonderful Wise has ever experienced. Let us all make use of the lessons learned during the lean years, and use every available method in bringing prosperity to our people.

Seeking Morris' Seat.

It is becoming more apparent daily that Governor Neff will seek the toga now worn by Morris Sheppard. And it is recorded that others are seeking.—Wise County Messenger.

There'll be plenty in the race, don't ever doubt that. One who watches political events in Texas much becomes convinced that the contest for senatorship when Morris' term expires will be even a livelier affair than was that the past year.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

Cooing With Coue.

We really have it awfully bad, About the worst we've ever had; Greeting each knot we softly say "I'm growing better day by day."

The cooing with Coue is quite a game, But I'm getting sick of it just the same; My string is dirty, my temper vile And all for following the latest style.

And as for getting better—well, Perhaps it is too soon to tell; Perhaps my mind is hard to pierce, But lately I've been acting fierce.

My brain is clouded, my fingers slow, I make mistakes where'er I go; The Christmas season may be to blame But I'm off Coue just the same.

I have a vacant feeling, tho, And can't stop mumbling as I go About the city on my way, "I'm growing better day by day."

Road Building.

Many problems are involved in the development of a community but the primary problem of all is roads. Roads, good or bad, are the deciding factors. Good roads promote immigration into a country and settlement; they modify town prosperity by promoting quick and easy transportation from the outlying country to and from a town. Bad roads maroon a town, cut it loose from the transaction of business, are barriers over which business can not cross. Bad roads assess a costly tax on a farmer's business, consume his valuable time, waste his machinery and vehicles and isolate him socially from other portions of civilization.

The keystone of all community betterment is good roads. Study exhaustively into the situation and it will appear to a mind of discernment that the condition of the country roads stands under and behind every other problem; everything else hinges on the condition of the roads of the country.

The building of good permanent roads for these reasons should not be considered as a tax but as investments that return dividends to every class of citizenship, whether they live in the town or live in the country sections.

Wise county roads have the destiny of the community locked in their grasp. This seems now to be generally understood. And there has been the development of a mass of good roads sentiment within the past few years, ever since men began to study the question from all its angles and discovered how towns and farming communities are so indissolubly linked in their fates with the problem of roads.

Tyranny of Order.

What an excellent thing order is, the essence of accomplishment, the foundation of life! Plan your going and coming, plan your expenses, plan your clothing, plan your thoughts; on such a basis you will go a long way.

And some seem to be born with the instinct for it: when they are children their toys are in their places, their clothes are neat and tidy, their ideas are all neat and tidy, with a spruceness that gratifies parents and teachers and that need not offend friends if it is accompanied by other amiable qualities. And some are born without it and could not acquire it if they lived a thousand years. Their lives drift, their souls drift. They are always a little late, always a little unmended, always a little in debt, and as a general thing they are frightfully unconcerned about the matter. It is their friends that have the concern—and endure the consequences. And some, again, achieve the sense of order by painful effort, their own or their parents'; and, tho the instinct is never quite so perfect as when intuitive, it is all the more valued for the pains of acquisition and is even more likely to lead to fruitful accomplishment in the end.

Oh yes, order is a splendid thing; but there may be too much of it, and those whose lives are fully subjected to it are too quick to make it a burden to others. They not only come and go themselves with admirable regularity and precision but they demand that others shall do the same. Their lives are guided by the clock, and they are not satisfied unless they can inject the steadfast, terrible, remorseless ticking into your life. What is the use of having a house tidy and meals prompt and clothes well pressed and mended if careless fingers soil the paint, and forgetful appetites neglect the meals, and hasty tardiness gets the clothes on awry and spots and stains them before they are two days worn? So order tyrannizes over others.

And it tyrannizes over itself. For when life is all planned you hate to break the plan. And after all healthy life is nothing but a succession of breaks and interruptions to which you must adapt yourself with dreadful detriment to all preconceived system. So that the slaves of order are likely to have but an unhappy time of it, and they look pale and thin and anxious in a world that has endless possibilities of diversion if only you do not try to force it into your one rigid mould.

Order may be heaven's first law; very likely it is. But there are a lot of other laws.—Youth's Companion.

Clearance Sale Extended ONE MORE WEEK

—By the—

Mississippi Store

—Owing to the inclement weather just passed we feel, in justice to our friends and customers, to extend our sale two more weeks!

—Remember, folks, we placed real bargains on the table for you and we realize your inability to come to the January sale, owing to the big snow and rains.

—Therefore, we will serve you with lots of bargains for two weeks more with our slaughtered prices!

LILLARD MISSISSIPPI STORE

"THE HOME OF DECATUR BAPTIST COLLEGE"

BRIEF TOPICS

From Our Exchanges.

Germany has given up the goose step for the sidestep.—Washington Post.

France's new slogan seems to be, "They shall not pass—their payments."—Birmingham Post.

Much of Europe's adversity is occasioned by perversity.—Border Cities Star.

We suspect that German idleness will be a mighty poor antidote for French occupation.—Asheville Times.

The difference between happiness and contentment is that happiness isn't nine parts laziness.—Bethlehem Globe.

It's fair enough, prohibition made it cost more; but it kills you quicker, and you don't buy so much.—Border Cities Star.

Another sign of mechanical progress is that pedestrians have to be mended oftener than automobiles.—Washington Post.

Those who have tried holding greased pigs will understand that oil makes the Turkish situation hard to handle.—Associated Editors.

If you can't travel you can get Pullman luxury at home. Just crawl up on a closet shelf and stick a cinder in your eye.—Coatesville Record.

The trouble seems to be that too many people think the law should be enforced, and not enough think it should be observed.—Portland Telegram.

You can no longer put a man in jail because he owes money. For that matter, you can hardly put him in jail if he has money.—Norristown Times.

One thing that makes us sore at the Turks is that they won't believe we are the sainted christians we keep telling them we are.—Dallas Times Herald.

An Irishman named Kennedy has just died at the age of a hundred and twenty-five years. It is only fair to state, however, that he lived in Canada all his life.—The Passing Show.

King Tutankhamen, altho three thousand years a mummy, is still good for a front-page story. Some of our U. S. senators should feel encouraged.—Boston Shoe and Leather Reporter.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

I used to think about myself
And all my worries
vain and small
But now with all
these wars I see
I just don't matter
after all.
R. J. CANN



HOGWASH ITEMS

By Uncle Snort.

On being asked today how long he had been in this county, Grandpa Sapp said he had lived here ever since the Indians were knee high.

Old Man Sourjack's son-in-law returned from the west today and moved in the house with the old man to spend the winter and balance of the year.

Sap Spradlin, who bought a second hand car last week, says the thing acts like it didn't have much sense, and has to be tailed up ever time it gets down.

The Coon Creek widow was in Tickville today pricing men's overalls and as Lab Moots has been looking pale the past few days, folks think he is the lucky man.

Miss Susie Tripe came out today and announced her engagement to Sile Pelkins. Sile says there ain't a word of truth in it only he didn't say so when Susie can hear him.

At the close of services at the Hogwash church today, the preacher asked if anyone had any announcements to make. Atlas Peck got up and said he was nearly out of something to eat at his house and had been for several weeks.

Wash Dunks got a letter from a Chicago firm today telling him to send ten cents and they will tell him how to get rich. Wash says he ain't a-goin' to send it, because if they knowed how to get rich they wouldn't be foolin' with ten cents.

LIFE WISDOM

By Noted Authors.

Enthusiasm is the breath of genius.—Beaconsfield.

Fear is the tax that conscience pays to guilt.—Sewell.

The burden becomes light that is shared by love.—Ovid.

It is a rule of manners to avoid exaggeration.—Emerson.

There are no tricks in plain and simple faith.—Shakespeare.

There is no revenge so complete as forgiveness.—H. W. Shaw.

He that is over-cautious will accomplish very little.—Schiller.

The true law of the race is progress and development.—Simms.

A lie that is half a truth is ever the blackest of lies.—Tennyson.

The distance is nothing; it is only the first step that costs.—Beffand.

Timely service, like timely gifts, is doubled in value.—George Macdonald.

Whom we fear more than love, we are not far from hating.—Richardson.

We always hope, and in all things it is better to hope than to despair.—Goethe.

Economy makes happy homes and sound nations. Instill it deep.—George Washington.

We can never be certain of our courage until we have faced danger.—La Rochefoucauld.

Honor is like an island, rugged without shore; we can never re-enter it once we are on the outside.—Boileau.

There is no proverb in the whole catalogue of them more true than a penny saved is a penny gained.—George Washington.

To make a happy fireside climate To weans and wife, That's the true pathos and sublime Of human life.—Burns.

He who imitates what is evil always goes beyond the example that is set; on the contrary, he who imitates what is good always falls short.—Guiccardini.

Decatur--Ft. Worth Line

SPECIAL TRIPS AND RATES FOR PARTIES

Leave Fort Worth
Terminal Hotel

8:00 a. m.
10:15 a. m.
12:15 p. m.
5:00 p. m.

Leave Decatur
All Hotels

8:00 a. m.
10:15 a. m.
12:15 p. m.
3:00 p. m.

RATES: One Way \$1.50

Decatur Headquarters: Empire Drug Co.

Both Phones 26

Fort Worth Telephone—Lamar 3984

FREEMAN & FIELDS

Is Texas Life Cheap?

Does Texas really hold human life as cheaply as the homicide statistics of the state would seem to indicate? The Record does not believe so. The human sympathy of Texans gives the lie to any such assertion. That is one of the strange features of our criminal annals. Sympathy for the living slayer is generally the thing that saves his neck and cheats justice.

It is not wide of the point to say that most murderers in Texas who escape with their lives during the first twenty-four hours following their arrest will not pay the supreme penalty and probably will not pay any penalty at all. In other words we have a habit of either lynching our murderers or acquitting them. That may not be the literal fact but it is the observation of one close to the criminal question.

What is the solution of a problem frankly unsatisfactory to both the officers of the law and the citizenship of a great state? It lies in an aroused and concentrated public opinion. If the people of Texas come to the active—not the passive—conclusion that human life is sacred, that laws meant to be enforced, even when they inconvenience men and women; if the people give ungrudging jury service and vote in accordance with their convictions, we can wipe out the stain of our homicide record in a very short time.

And that homicide record is a disgraceful one. Men slain for a dime, men slain for a sort of love that shames the name of love, men slain for breaking up homes which have already been wrecked beyond repair, men slain because of disagreements, and men slain because they reached for a handkerchief or a flask in their hip pockets when someone who did not happen to like them was in the vicinity.

The hip pocket excuse is a joke in the way it is being applied. A rigid enforcement of proper laws against "gun toting" would end its usefulness and save the lives of many. The "unwritten law" and "self defense" are being used in cases where they have no honest application. The truth is that our consciences have become calloused to a condition which has existed so long that we think it has to exist forever.

It is time for the men and women who are ready to really do something for the betterment of this great state to get together and see that the laws are enforced and that new laws are enacted where they are needed. Let us erase the murder stain from the fair escutcheon of the Lone Star state.—Fort Worth Record.

AMERICAN LEGION FURNISHING ROOM

The Messenger is requested to announce that the American Legion, desiring to furnish their quarters and make them comfortable and home-like, ask the good ladies of Decatur and community to assist them in furnishing the room. If you can donate any furniture, please communicate with E. W. Minor, John Gunn or Archie Hoyl, or any member of the post.

The boys will appreciate any interest taken in their welfare by the ladies, and they solicit assistance in furnishing their quarters.

Majestic shows are among the best to be found in the state.

Things to Forget.

Forget the slander you have heard; Forget the hasty unkind word; Forget the quarrel, and the cause. Forget the whole affair, because forgetting is the only way. Forget the storms of yesterday; Forget the chap whose sour face forgets the smile in any place; Forget the trials you have had; Forget the weather if it's bad; Forget the "knocker"—he's a freak; Forget him seven days a week; Forget the home team lost the game; Forget the pitcher was to blame; Forget the coffee when it's cold; Forget the kick, forget the scold; Forget the plumber's awful charge; Forget the iceman's bill is large; Forget the coal man and his ways; Forget the frost in winter days; Forget, wherever you may roam; Forget the guy who wrote this poem; Forget that he, in social bliss, forgot himself when he wrote this.

Citation by Publication.

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county—

Greeting: E. B. Brown, guardian of the estate of Brooks Boyd, a minor, and the said E. B. Brown, guardian, having filed in our county court his final account of the condition of the estate of said minor, numbered 1857 on the probate docket of Wise county, together with an application to be discharged from said guardianship.

You are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days before the next regular term of this court, in a newspaper printed in the county of Wise, state of Texas, you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper to do so, on or before the April term, 1923, of said county court, commencing and to be held at the court house of said county, in the city of Decatur on the first Monday in April, the same being the 2nd day of April, A. D. 1923, when said account and application will be acted upon by said court.

Given under my hand and seal of said court, at my office in the city of Decatur, this 5th day of February, A. D. 1923.—JIM BELEW, clerk of county court Wise county. By J. LEE MANN, Deputy. (Feb 23-Mar 2)

SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF TOWN COMMENDED

One of the most dignified and most beautiful social and dancing parties ever given in this home-loving and splendid little city was that of the officers of the hundred and thirty-first field artillery in their armory Tuesday evening.

The lovely and sensible gowns worn by the ladies, set off by the dark suits of the men, presented a charming picture.

Many guests were present from Fort Worth, Bridgeport and other nearby towns.

The officers of the artillery are to be congratulated upon the happiness their efforts afforded their guests, and Decatur should be proud of her musicians of this military organization of unselfish men, of her grand boys of the De Molay, her brilliant young women and her stately young married men and matrons, ever ready to "stand by" with loving protection over their younger friends. A Guest.

CANNOT MASTER SHORTHAND

Men of Acknowledged Ability Have Failed in Efforts to Learn Even Simple Systems.

Lord Beaverbrook, speaking at the annual prize-giving of Pitman's school at the Royal Albert hall, says the London Morning Post, said that it was a curious fact that some men of great ability had failed in the attempt to learn shorthand.

He mentioned that Lord Carson was one example, and the present prime minister another. It was not a question of cleverness, or even of memory. Bonar Law possessed an extraordinary memory. When he first became leader of the conservative party, it was his habit on the occasion of any great set debate in the house of commons to dictate to his secretary the speech that he intended to make. He would read it through, and then go down to the house and repeat it with scarcely the alteration of a word. He would sometimes quote long mathematical calculations entirely from memory, yet he confessed to having striven very hard to learn shorthand, and without success.

T. M. Healy, now the governor general of the Irish Free State, used to make use of shorthand in the debates.—New York Tribune.

MUCH LIKE HEN IN AMERICA

Guinea Pigs in Peru Are Kept to Serve as Provisions for the Unexpected Visitor.

Hiram Bingham, the new lieutenant governor of Connecticut, has just published a book, "Inca Land," in which he describes the famous Yale expedition into Peru, of which he was the director. Life as he lived in the Andes has a number of points of difference from that in the New England states. For instance, he says that in Peru the housewife keeps fat little guinea pigs running around her kitchen floor to fill in for any emergencies, much as the American will have a few tins of sardines and cans of preserves on hand. A guinea pig, he points out, is, in spite of Ellis Parker Butler, not a pig, and it does not come from Guinea. It is more of a rabbit than anything else, and for thousands of years it has been a prized article of food in the Andes of Peru. Why, he wonders, should the North American guinea pigs be kept only as pets or laboratory victims? The meat, he says, is delicious and not unlike squab.

Baby Had a Bark.

The porter on the Pittsburgh-Detroit sleeper may have heard a gentle yapping in berth No. 2 during the night but there was a \$5 bill in the pocket of his white coat and so the Pullman rule book might have been written in Sanskrit for all he cared. In the morning, when the train reached Detroit, he even avoided the inevitable platform meeting between the fair traveler in the milk coat who held a little package, wrapped in a pink comforter, to her shoulder, and the old lady in the seal jacket who had slept in berth four. "I heard your baby last night," the old lady said. "It's hard for such little babies, traveling, isn't it?" "Yes," answered the young woman as she stooped down, shuffled the pink comforter, and released a squint-eyed, rat-tailed poodle. "Woofie, dear, insisted on barking every time the train stopped."—Detroit News.

When Bitten by a Mad Dog.

Hydrophobia in man and rabies in dogs can be prevented by a course of injections of dried spinal cord from rabbits which have died of experimental rabies (fixed virus). The treatment is available in every community in the United States and every physician knows how to order the treatment by telegraph from the state board of health. One out of six persons bitten by a mad dog dies in horrible agony if not treated. If bitten by a dog, follow that dog at all hazards, until you can get assistance to catch it. Do not kill it, but place it in a secure place for observation. If symptoms of rabies appear, apply only for anti-rabic treatment through your family physician. If the dog is rabid it will die—send the head packed in ice to the board of health laboratory for diagnosis, says Harold L. Amoss, M. D., in the Health Builder.

Two Claims to Distinction.

Florence is called the mother of oil and the mother of apple orchards in Colorado, and the West. The oil field was located in 1862, and the first well was drilled in 1864. James Frazer in 1864 hauled apple trees across the plains and planted them near Florence, and they are still standing. From them has been developed the famous Colorado orange apples, and this was the parent of the extensive Florence and Canon City apple orchards. Florence has 50 producing oil wells, and is the only developed oil field in Colorado.

Bible Outlay Increased.

The 1923 budget of the American Bible society for the translation, publication and distribution of Bibles will be \$1,100,000, an increase of \$40,000 over 1922. Frank H. Mann, general secretary, announced recently.

Estimated requirements totaled \$1,405,244, but a cut of \$244,467 was made because income for the full amount was not in sight.

The amount voted will be used in furnishing the Scriptures in more than 150 languages and dialects in practically every country in the world.

LISTEN, FOLKS-- LISTEN!

—On March the first we are going on a strictly cash basis for reason it will enable us to sell cheaper to the good people of Decatur and Wise County.

—We thank you for your past patronage and solicit its continuance. Our free city delivery will be continued.

Sincerely yours,

Decatur Cash Grocery Co.

RUSH CREEK NEWS

Jimmie Bishop has returned to his home in Oklahoma.

Ernest Rice of Valley View, has been visiting relatives here.

Miss Jewell Davis, who has been visiting relatives at Era, has returned home.

Miss Carrie Washburn of Alvord, is visiting friends and relatives in this community.

Mrs. Pansy Clift of Walters, Oklahoma, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. B. Davis.

Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Ensey of Forestburg, spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. J. H. B. Davis.

Misses Rittie and Ellen Skaggs entertained a number of their friends with a party Monday night.

Mr. Burl Dobson, who is attending North Texas State Normal College at Denton, visited homefolks last week-end here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Mann of this community, who have been visiting their daughter at Fort Worth, have returned home.

The Rush Creek basketball team played two matched games Friday. They won the game with Cottonwood by the score of 26 to 28, and last to Audubon.

PECAN NEWS

Mrs. Madden is seriously ill with the flu.

W. E. Clark went to Wichita Falls last week on business.

R. J. Baugh and family have moved into their new home east of town.

Mansel Richardson and family of Forney, have been visiting Mrs. Richardson's mother here.

George Malcolm, who recently amputated a finger, is considering having the hand removed also.

SLIDELL NEWS

W. S. Dorle was in Sanger on business Saturday.

Miss Faye Reid of Plainview, spent the week-end with homefolks.

Floyd Doyle of Bonham, spent a few days here with homefolks.

Mr. Foard Doyle of Decatur Baptist College, is here seriously ill at his home.

Mrs. E. S. Hancock and Miss Hassie Doyle spent the week-end with their sister, Mrs. R. L. McAtter, of Valley View.

Mr. Jim Balthrop and daughters entertained the young folks with a Valentine party Saturday night. All reported a good time.

In Memoriam.

Died, at the home of her mother, Mrs. George Myers, Mrs. Stella Cook, on January 30th. Mrs. Cook was forty-three years, four months and thirteen days old. She was reared in Wise county near Shiloh, tho for several years has made her home in Oklahoma, where she leaves seven children—Lela, Clyde, Curtis, Will and Elberta; also Emma and Willie Cook by her last husband, who preceded her almost seven years.

Mrs. Cook was a splendid woman and leaves a mother, three brothers and two sisters besides seven children to mourn her loss. We can only look for comfort to Him who doeth all things well. We the mother, sisters and brothers, want to thank everyone for kindly acts in every way.

MRS. GEORGE MYERS,
MRS. PARKS,
MRS. ALRED,
TOM MYERS,
HARDY MYERS,
B. MYERS of Mexia.

Why be bald-headed? Let Roe Shoemaker treat your scalp.

BAPTIST CHURCH

It is perfectly evident from the spirit manifested in the service last Sunday night that the moral forces of Decatur are against the dance. It is a well known fact that the dance thrives on the downfall of the churches. Just before the sermon next Sunday night I will give a few bits of inside information concerning some of the recent Decatur dances. The public is entitled to know.

The subject for the sermon next Sunday night is this question "Where Are All the People Now Who Were Weeping on Each Other's Necks in the Big Meeting Last Summer?" I have decided to give the Jews and the millennium a brief rest while I talk about actual conditions in Decatur for a while. All who want to come and join in the fight against the destroyer of our young people

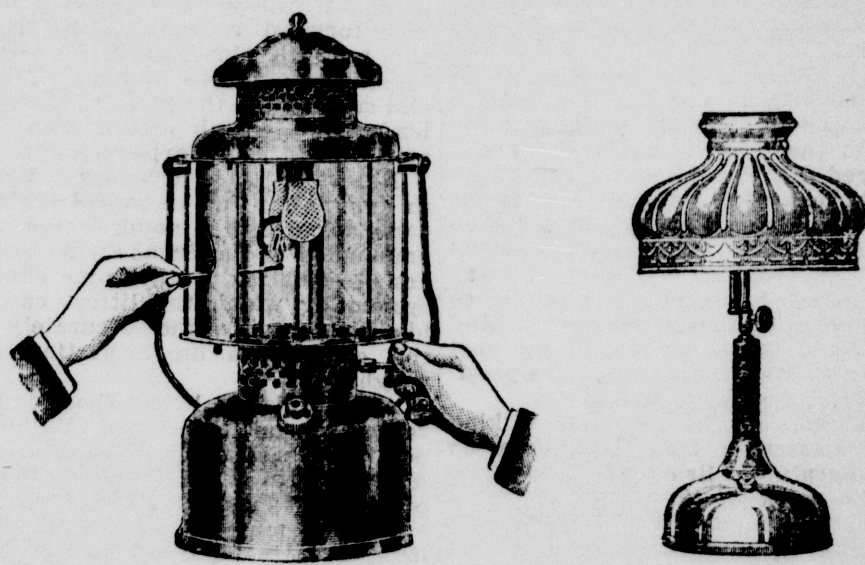
are most cordially invited, and those who don't want to can stay at home. R. E. BELL, Pastor.

EXPLAINED USE OF LEVEL ON TERRACE

The county agent spent Monday in the Aurora community. He showed about ten men in that community how to operate the new farm level they bought last week. It is a community level, and the whole community is going to use it. One man has been selected to keep it, and he has agreed to run lines for anyone who doesn't know how to operate it if that man will plow for him in return. The Aurora people are to be congratulated for taking this important step. Watch them and see how far they will be ahead of the community that does not have one in two or three years.

COLEMAN "QUICK - LITE" Lamps and Lanterns

"THE SUNSHINE OF THE NIGHT"



—Give three hundred candle-power of pure white light that is as soft a shaded sunshine. Kind to the eyes—no glare, no flicker, no eye strain—always give you a clear, steady, sight-saving light.

—Make and use their own gas from common motor gasoline. Light with ordinary matches—no torch needed. Cost to use less than two cents a night. More than forty hours brilliant service from a gallon of fuel.

—See our window demonstration from February 22nd to March 3rd of the Coleman Quick-Lite—the lamp that brings the "sunshine of the night" to the farm house.

Lillard & Co.

—The Winchester Store—

Mitchell & Davenport

TRUCK LINE
regular trips to

FORT WORTH

Every Tuesday and Friday

—If you want quick service on your freight give your orders to us. We do general hauling in Decatur and are at your service any time—day or night.

OIL DEVELOPMENT OVER WISE COUNTY

New casing has arrived for the Keystone, and the work of drilling around the frozen sections near the bottom of the hole will start today, and it is the belief of the drillers that the drilling will be under full headway in a short time. This work will require several days, but the crew feels confident that their efforts will be successful. It is claimed the delay, following the destruction of the derrick several weeks ago caused the casing to "freeze," and when the new derrick was erected and work started it was found that the casing was fast. A large quantity of oil was poured in the hole to loosen the packed mud around the casing, but this failed to produce the desired results and it was necessary to order larger casing, which will be sent down around that which is stuck. There is a report afloat that the cause of the fire which destroyed the Keystone derrick was the ignition of a heavy flow of gas from the hole.

Work on the Michigan well, south of town, states Sam Pavillard, has been stopped, and if arrangements for an extension of the leases in that section can not be made, it is believed the hole will be abandoned. This well has had splendid showings, and when drilling was stopped last week, the bit was grinding in a hard rock, which some believe it the cap-rock overlying the pool.

Efforts are being made by operators from other parts of the state to secure drilling contracts in the neighborhood of the Keystone, and it is said that at least two contracts are in the making. In some sections of that community the land-owners are demanding too much, state the gentlemen seeking acreage on which to drill. One land-owner said he would agree to turn in his land if the company would drill in the center of his holdings and allow him to hold a number of off-sets.

In scouting over that section, the representatives of the company wanting to come in and develop the country discovered a new specie of citizen; a different type from any found in the state. This land-owner informed the company's representatives that he was opposed to developing the country, and positively refused to consider leasing his land. He said the moral standard of the country would suffer if an oil field were brought in; that civilization would receive a severe set-back, and he feared high water would over-run the neighborhood. He was perfectly satisfied with present conditions, and advised the gentlemen seeking a drilling contract to desist and get out of his neighborhood—unless they would agree to drill and bring in a producing well in center of his land, he agreeing to "donate" one-third of his holdings.

The Carey operations have stopped, and the federal court has taken a hand in the controversy between the land-owners and the company.

COMMISSIONERS AT WORK ON HIGHWAY

County Judge Sam Ward and Commissioners T. L. St. Clair, M. L. Hartwell, W. W. Hanna and G. Q. Woody made a trip to Chico Tuesday in the interest of the new highway which is to be built in that section. The court attended a meeting of citizens of the Chico country at Chico, at which time the new road was discussed and plans agreed upon for the work. It was agreed by the citizens present that the road will have a sixty-foot right-of-way, and the surveyors are now busy in the work of locating the route. The road is to begin at the rock crusher, south of Chico, and will run from Chico to the Jack county line. Another branch will run from Chico thru Park Springs to the Montague county line. The road may join the Meridian. The length of the highway will be about twenty-two miles.

The commissioners' court was well pleased with the spirit of co-operation expressed by the Chico citizens Tuesday in the project, as the court was assured that every possible assistance would be given by the citizens of the Chico community in the work. The court expressed the belief that the work of building the new highway will proceed without a hitch since the people of the district are behind the court in its efforts to get just as much first-class highway as possible with the money available.

Members of the court, in talking to a Messenger man, took occasion to congratulate Bridgeport and Chico in the work of these two towns in building good streets. Crushed rock is being used and the commissioners say that the proper use of this material will mean permanent and high-grade streets for these two towns.

RAISING OF BETTER POULTRY IS URGED

A campaign was begun this week by County Agent W. M. Love and Miss Jewell Taylor, home demonstration agent, for more and better poultry on the farms of Wise county. The first meeting was held at Allison on Tuesday night and was attended by a large crowd of the people of that section. Lantern slides were used to emphasize the importance of proper breeding, feeding and housing of the poultry on the farms. The audience was greatly interested in the work and seemed to appreciate the efforts of the county agents.

Similar meetings were held Wednesday afternoon and night at Pleasant Valley and Red Willow, and at Greenwood Thursday night. The agents will attend a meeting at Joe Bailey tonight and at Aurora Saturday night. This is one of the most important of Wise county's industries and our farmers are not slow in realizing the great profits to be derived from intelligent raising of poultry.

Little Eggbert Eggstone, who has grown too big to mix off the calves and do the churning for his mother, made his bow into society today by telling a girl he just hated her.

PRIZES OFFERED TO BREEDERS OF PIGS

Texas has been challenged by the Hoosier state, and a challenge always starts the fireworks in the Lone Star state. One farmer produced a litter of pigs weighing 3040 pounds in one hundred and eighty days in Indiana last year, and the Hoosier state becoming chesky over this record challenged Texas to beat it.

Texas is an ideal state for swine production and there were 306,099 farms which had 2,225,558 hogs in Texas according to the report of the United States bureau of census for 1920. The same report shows that 188,331 farms had 1,113,033 pigs under six months old, and that 154,170 farms had 389,664 sows and gilts for breeding six months old and over. Subtract these figures from the 436,033 farms in Texas and the astounding fact is revealed that many farms in Texas have no hogs while a startling proportion are producing no pigs. Furthermore, the thought is suggested that out of the vast number of hogs produced it ought to be possible to find a litter rivaling the one produced in Indiana where proper breeding and feeding methods are practiced, otherwise there is something radically wrong with hog production methods in Texas.

Realizing the vast field and possibilities in the Lone Star state for swine production, the Texas Swine Breeders' Association, in co-operation with the extension service of A. & M. College of Texas, has decided to accept the challenge from Indiana and consequently has inaugurated a campaign to demonstrate to the farmers of Texas the value of pure-bred live stock and the economy of proper feeding methods, also convince the farmers of Texas that hogs can be produced which will show great weight in six months as the average scrub hog reared under scrub methods will show in a year.

In order to start the movement in a systematic manner and give it impetus, the Texas ton litter club plan has been adopted and the Texas Swine Breeders' Association is offering a gold medal for a litter of pigs that weigh two thousand pounds or more when six months old.

The Texas Swine Breeders' Association will award medals as follows to Texas farmers who produce litters of pigs, farrowed between February 1st and May 15th, 1923, that reach the weights below when six months old: 1st. Gold medal—for litter of pigs weighing two thousand pounds or more; 2nd. silver medal—for a litter weighing eighteen hundred and less than two thousand pounds; 3rd. bronze medal—for a litter weighing sixteen hundred and less than eighteen hundred pounds.

Any farmer, boy or girl residing in any county in Texas employing a county agent or any county in which a director of the Texas Swine Breeders' Association resides, is eligible to enroll in the Texas ton litter club upon payment of a nomination fee of twenty-five cents.

Members shall enroll between December 15th, 1922, and March 1st, 1923, thru the county agent or direct with the secretary of the Texas Swine Breeders' Association at College Station, Texas. Names and addresses of members shall be in the hands of the secretary of the Texas Swine Breeders' Association not later than March 10th, 1923.

Members shall furnish a memorandum of the rations fed to the breeding herd during the breeding, gestation and suckling periods, and shall forward same thru the county agent to the state leader of the club as soon as the pigs are weaned. Members shall keep a memorandum of the rations fed to the pigs from the time they are weaned until they are marketed, and forward same thru the county agent to the state leaders of the club as soon as the hogs are marketed.

Members shall ear-mark each litter of pigs within seven days after birth, and forward a certified report of this marking along with the date of farrowing and the number of boar and sow pigs in the litter to the state leader of the club within even days after the litter is farrowed.

Litters that are to be kept eligible to nomination for an award shall be ear-marked by the notch system recommended by the Texas Swine Breeders' Association, or by some similar system by which the litters can be identified easily and accurately by the committees on inspection and weighing.

All the pigs in litters that for any reason are not to be kept eligible to nomination for an award shall be ear-marked with a single notch in the outer or lower side of the left ear.

Reports must be sent in for every litter of pigs farrowed on the farm in the spring of 1923. Failure to ear-mark and report a litter within the seven-day limit shall make the

entire herd ineligible for an award.

All herds from which litters are nominated for awards shall be inspected before July 1st, 1923. The county agent, or a director of the Texas Swine Breeders' Association, and a committee of two or more disinterested farmers selected by the executive committee of the county live stock association by some other organization which represents the swine or general agricultural interest of the county, shall make this inspection. The committee on inspection shall examine the ear-marks of all the spring pigs on the member's farm to see that each litter has been ear-marked as required under these rules and regulations, and shall certify to the nomination of the litter or litters nominated by the member if they are eligible to nomination.

Members may nominate any litter or litters of pigs farrowed on their farms between February 1st and May 15th, 1923, for an award. Litters must be nominated at the time of inspection on the special blank provided for this purpose. Nominations must be certified by the committee on inspection and forwarded by this committee thru the county agent to the state leader of the club immediately after inspection.

Litters shall be weighed on the day they are a hundred and eighty days old if possible. If it is not possible they may be weighed within three days preceding or following this date. The gain for the intervening days shall be pro rated at the average daily gain made by the litter since birth and added to or subtracted from the scale weight. Litters shall be weighed by a committee of two or more disinterested farmers selected by the executive committee of the county live stock association or by some other organization representing the swine or general agricultural interests of the county. Reports on weights and the eligibility of litters to an award shall be certified by the committee on weighing on the special blanks provided for this purpose, and forwarded thru the county agent to the state leader of the club immediately after weighing.

Only one medal shall be awarded to a member. Awards shall be made on the basis of the weight of the litter as herein provided but no award will be made unless all the requirements set forth under memorandum of ration, ear-marking of litters, inspection of herds, nomination of litters and official weights of litters are complied with fully and correctly. Awards shall be made by the executive committee of the Texas Swine Breeders' Association, under the conditions outlined above. Medals shall be presented at the annual winter institute meeting of the Texas Swine Breeders' Association.

The officers of the Texas Swine Breeders' Association shall act as the officers of the Texas ton litter club with A. L. Ward, secretary Texas Swine Breeders' Association and swine husbandman, extension service of A. & M. College of Texas, acting as state leader of the club, and G. R. Warren, swine husbandman of Texas Agricultural experiment station, acting as assistant state leader of the club.

All farmers who expect to enter this contest should clip this article for future reference. I would like to see as many as possible enter as it will be a profitable project for everyone who tries it. Club boys are especially urged to take it up. To win a medal like this is something to be proud of.

All who are interested should get in touch with the county agent as soon as possible.—County Agent.

PARK SPRINGS

Mrs. Henry Shurbet has the pneumonia, but is better now.

Mr. N. L. Buchanan and wife of Petrolia, visited Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Younger.

H. W. Smith of Bridgeport, and Miss Emma McInroe of Ryan, Oklahoma, were visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Whetsell last week.

The Park Springs girls' basketball team played the Crafton girls Friday, February 16th. The score was 6 to 16 in favor of Park Springs.

O. E. LONG DIED IN HOUSTON HOSPITAL

A host of friends in Ennis were shocked and grieved beyond expression Wednesday morning, when a message came from Houston conveying the sad news of the death of O. E. Long, which occurred in the Southern Pacific hospital in that city at five-twenty Wednesday morning, eight days after on operation for appendicitis.

Mr. Long had been sick about two weeks before going to Houston but it was not at first believed that his condition was serious. In fact, but few of his friends knew of his illness until Tuesday of last week, when it was decided to take him to the Southern Pacific hospital for examination and treatment. Upon arrival there it was decided that an immediate operation was necessary.

The operation, permed Wednesday, revealed a much more serious condition than had been suspected. Messages were received daily by friends here and it was hoped and believed that he was on the road to recovery especially when a message came on Tuesday that he had passed the crisis and was improving. The next message the News had was of his death.

Oss E. Long was born in Decatur, Texas, August 11, 1867. He came to Ennis in 1889 at the age of twenty-two years and entered the service of the Houston & Texas Central railroad and soon became a conductor and continued in the service up to the time of his death.

He had been a member of the city commission as commissioner number two for about three years. He tendered his resignation as commissioner a few months ago, but the city commission prevailed upon him to continue in the service.

Mr. Long had been a christian man for many years and a member of the Presbyterian church the past three or four years. Also for about the same length of time he had been a Mason and had taken all the York Rite thru the council in Ennis and the commandery in Waxahachie. He was an earnest christian gentleman, a zealous and enthusiastic Mason and a man whose heart went out to those in need or distress. He was a progressive citizen, always favoring advancement along right lines.

Many a man in Ennis and in the railroad service feels that he has lost a real friend in the death of O. E. Long.—Ennis Daily News.

MISSION STUDY FOR METHODIST LADIES

Circle number two of the Methodist missionary society met with Mrs. R. E. Collins Monday afternoon, with seventeen members and four guests present.

The entire missionary pledge being raised from \$135.00 to \$150.00 for the year, circle number two raised their part of it from \$35 to \$50. This is to be paid as free-will offerings by the members. This pledge goes to the work done in our home and foreign fields.

A drill was given on the questionaire, this being a study of our missionary work everywhere.

Those who were absent missed something. If you don't think so, ask those who were there; and don't miss another meeting. This circle is doing wonderful social service work. Refreshments were served by our hostess.

We will meet next Monday with circle number one, in missionary study lesson at Mrs. John Rector's. First chapter in our new book is the lesson. "Daniel" is the Bible lesson. On the first Monday in March circle number two meets with Mrs. W. E. Terrell. This is the day to everyone who has not paid to take or send your dues and every member go!

Go to Majestic tonight.

Careful Watch

Nothing pays quite so well as keeping careful watch that the powers of resistance be not broken down.

Scott's Emulsion

of pure vitamine-bearing cod-liver oil is used daily by many grown people as a means of keeping fit for the daily task. Be sure and ask your druggist for Scott's Emulsion!

Scott & Bowne, Bloomfield, N. J. 22-40

Chance makes our parents, but choice makes our friends.—DeLille.

Have You Ever Stopped

To compare the cost of doing the burdensome tasks of the home with electrical appliances and with human labor? There is a decided advantage in favor of the electrical appliance, from a dollar and cents standpoint. But can you figure the housewife's time, strength and health in terms of dollars and cents?

Let us show you our line of appliances, and explain their economical operation.

Decatur Light & Water Co.

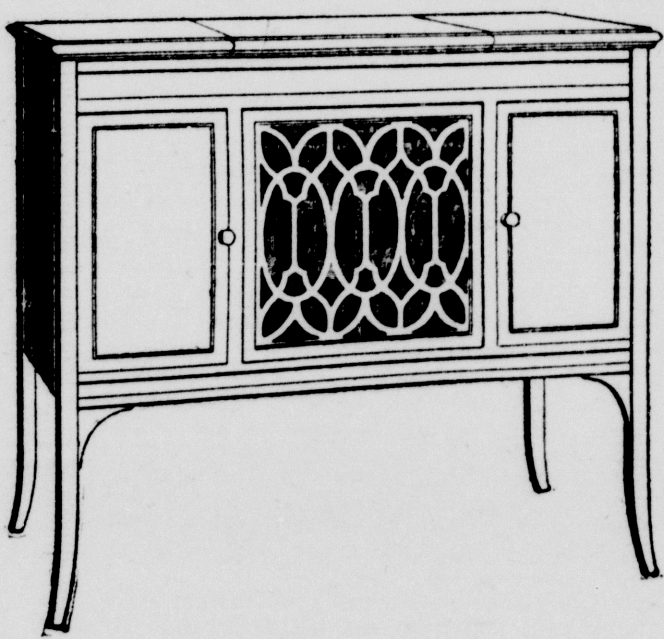
C. P. Dodson, Mgr.

A REMARKABLE DISCOVERY

FAR LICE REMOVER

Positively rid poultry of blue bugs, lice, red bugs, mites, fleas and any and all other parasites. Its cost is very small and no trouble to use. We are authorized to refund the money to any dissatisfied user.

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The NEW EDISON PHONOGRAPH

Gives you Inexpensive Entertainment at Home

Let Us Demonstrate

Man & Christian
DECATUR and BRIDGEPORT

"Well! Strong!"

Mrs. Anna Clover, of R. F. D. 1, Winfield, Kans., says: "I began to suffer some months ago with womanly troubles, and I was afraid I was going to get in bed. Each month I suffered with my head, back and sides—a weak, aching, nervous feeling. I began to try medicines as I knew I was getting worse. I did not seem to find the right remedy until someone told me of

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

I used two bottles before I could see any great change, but after that it was remarkable how much better I got. I am now well and strong. I can recommend Cardui, for it certainly benefited me."

If you have been experimenting on yourself with all kinds of different remedies, better get back to good, old, reliable Cardui, the medicine for women, about which you have always heard, which has helped many thousands of others, and which should help you, too. Ask your neighbor about it; she has probably used it.

For sale everywhere. E. 23

After Every Meal

WRIGLEYS

Chew your food well, then use WRIGLEY'S to aid digestion.

It also keeps the teeth clean, breath sweet, appetite keen.

The Great American Sweetmeat



MAKE UNPROFITABLE ORCHARDS PAY

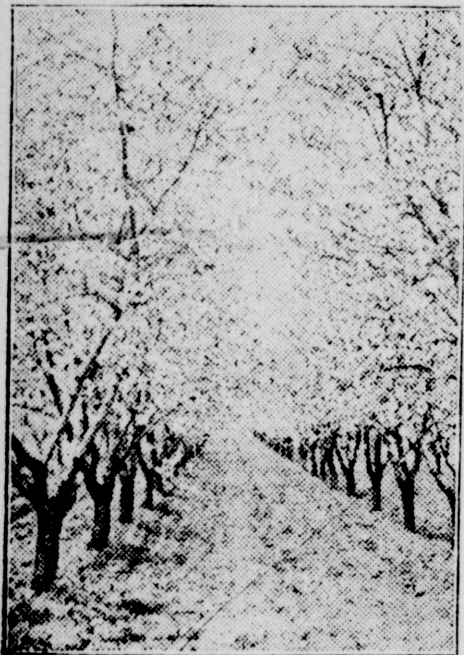


Pruning Peach Trees During Dormant Season.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Measured by the abundance and regularity of the crops of high-grade fruit produced, there are many apple orchards of bearing age that are not successful. Because a large number of these unprofitable orchards can be made to yield good crops of high-quality fruit by special treatment, the United States Department of Agriculture has prepared Farmers' Bulletin 1284, Apple-Orchard Renovation, by H. P. Gould, which discusses the principal practices found useful in bringing neglected trees back into profit-producing condition.

Orchards in need of renovating are found only in sections where the home orchard or fruit garden is the prevailing type of fruit growing, and in regions where orchards of considerable size occur only occasionally, but also in the recognized commercial apple-growing districts. Some orchards are not worth the time and expense necessary to renovate them. In deciding what is to be done the following factors need to be considered: The



A Well-Cared for Cherry Orchard in Bloom.

orchard must be on a good site with no rock ledges or hardpan near the surface, well drained and without unusual danger from frosts; the trees must have good vitality, without decayed trunks, cankers that girdle the limbs, or weakness that would make good growth impossible; and, finally, the varieties must be good unless it is feasible to top-graft the trees.

A neglected orchard is always a menace to other orchards in the neighborhood and in sections where there are many commercial plantings much damage may be done by insect pests and diseases that have their source in badly infected trees. In some states a neglected orchard is practically declared by law to be a public nuisance and is treated accordingly. If the owner will not clean it up, public officials do it and the expense becomes a lien on the property until paid.

As a rule, says the author of the bulletin, a much-neglected orchard does not justify its existence. If an orchard is worth keeping it is worth giving good attention; otherwise, the trees merely encumber the ground and interfere with its use for other purposes. If an apple tree is not of value for fruit production it may be worth converting into tool handles, plane blocks, and other useful things.

Persons interested in renovating orchards or those who wish to decide whether or not a certain orchard is worth the attempt should get the bulletin, which may be obtained without cost from the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

In working over neglected apple orchards, the trees will be of such varying types that it will be impossible to work toward any particular form of top, but it is well for the orchard owner to have in mind a certain desirable form; inexperienced persons will find it worth while to study some well-formed trees or pictures of them such as are used to illustrate the bulletin. The right sort of top has a large bearing surface, is low-headed, and has a fairly open top that will permit light to enter to the interior of the tree.

Big Things Needed.

Soil renovation, pruning, and spraying are some of the principal things needed in practically any orchard that is being brought back into producing condition. Just what is to be done depends on the age and vigor of the trees, the condition of the soil and other local factors. Various conditions and the necessary treatment are discussed in the bulletin, and the tools and other equipment are described.

When trees are otherwise good, but the varieties are not desirable, it sometimes pays to top-graft the trees. This work is not difficult, but must be done carefully. As a rule the cleft method of grafting is best suited to old apple orchards. Details of this method are to be found in Farmers' Bulletin 157, The Propagation of Plants. The time to do the work is in the spring just before growth starts or just as it is starting. The scions, however, must be perfectly dormant.

BUYER KNOWS LITTLE ABOUT COST OF FEED

Is the Second Largest Item of Expense to Farmer.

Most Important Factors Controlling Local Prices Are Availability of Substitutes, Potential Supplies and Surplus.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Are you paying too much for your feed stuffs? To determine this requires a knowledge of how feeds are sold by mills, market conditions, quality of the product and methods of purchasing, says G. C. Wheeler, investigator in marketing feed, United States Department of Agriculture. Although feed stuffs constitute the second largest item of expense to American farmers, wheat feeds alone in 1920 representing a value of approximately \$200,000,000, little is known by the average buyer about the marketing of this commodity, says Mr. Wheeler.

The availability of feed stuffs locally produced which may be used as substitutes, and potential supplies and production in surplus producing sections are said to be the most important factors controlling local feed prices. Wide variations in prices in heavy consuming and producing centers, and in sections where only moderate supplies are handled are attributed to the prices paid by individual dealers, unsold feed in transit which is frequently disposed of at a sacrifice on arrival, grade, quality, whether the feed is bought for cash or credit, and whether the purchase is for immediate or future delivery.

Mr. Wheeler advises buyers to ascertain carefully all these facts in connection with prices quoted before placing orders. Mr. Wheeler has made a careful study of the marketing of mill feeds and his findings are contained in United States Department of Agriculture Bulletin 1124, entitled "The Marketing of Mill Feeds." The bulletin tells how feeds are sold by mills, handled by co-operative societies, how to study market conditions, what to ascertain about prices quoted, and present needs of the trade. Trade rules, grades and feed stuffs laws are also discussed. Copies of Bulletin 1124 can be obtained free upon request to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

DESTROY GARDEN BUG PESTS

After Crops Have Been Harvested Rake Up All the Old Stalks and Burn Them.

After the garden crops are harvested it often pays to rake up the old stalks and burn them. This may destroy insect pests and fungus spores which would cause losses next year. If any weeds have developed seeds they can also be burned.

The term "wireworm" is applied to numerous forms of elongated wire-like creatures, the larvae of snapping or click beetles and the name was given to them on account of their firm texture, which is much different from that of most insect larvae.

It is a well-known fact that the lady-bird beetles are very beneficial and this is proven in many ways. One scientist records where these insects have eaten 50 to 60 aphids in a single day and there are several records where they have eaten a hundred in the same length of time.

BORN WITH NO LEGS, HE'S GOOD MAIL DRIVER

Misses Only Four Days in Twenty Years—He Gets Nice Letter From Superior.

Natural handicaps are no obstacle to many people. A shining example is that of B. A. Jones of Burlington, Mo., who, born without legs, has driven a rural mail delivery route out of that town for 20 years and never complained.

Jones' route was a standard-length one of 25.5 miles out of Burlington, and since 1901, when he was appointed, he has missed only four days from the job, and those because of illness.

So interested were post office department officials, who only recently had his case called to their attention, that Assistant Postmaster General Billany wrote him a letter of congratulation for his efficient service "performed in spite of a physical defect that well might have discouraged a person of less fortunate temperament, and with less determination to succeed in life." Before becoming a letter carrier, Jones was a farmer.

"It seems to me," Mr. Billany wrote to Mr. Jones, "that your success may be not only interesting to all carriers, but an inspiration to anyone who may feel that he is laboring under unusual or insuperable difficulties and an encouragement to them to press on in the performance of duties which choice or circumstances may require of him."

SIX-YEAR-OLD CHILD SAVES PLAYMATE FROM ICY DEATH



Little six-year-old Polly Morrison of Bath, N. Y., daughter of Mrs. Lillian House, is a heroine of the first order—but she is scarcely conscious of the fact. She is only glad that her playmate, Ruth Webb, five, is still alive, and that she can still play with her. The children, unknown to the parents, had wandered to Lake Salubria, near Bath, to slide on the ice. Ruth stepped on a thin patch of ice, which broke, and the child fell into the water. Polly called for help, and then, throwing a scarf from her neck, she held one end and threw the other toward Ruth. After a long struggle she finally dragged Ruth from the water.

MAN WON FAME IN PRISON

Louis Victor Eyttinge Is Nationally Known Advertising Writer.

Louis Victor Eyttinge, who has gained prominence through his literary accomplishments while serving a life term for murder in the Arizona state penitentiary, has received a parole from Governor Thomas E. Campbell.

Eyttinge while in prison wrote several stories and articles which were published under his name. During the war he contributed to the advertising campaigns for the United States Liberty loan drives. Recently he received an offer of a position with a New York city publishing firm at a salary of \$6,000 a year. Governor Campbell says, and the parole was made contingent upon acceptance of this offer.

Eyttinge was sentenced to life imprisonment fifteen years ago, when twenty-eight years old, for the murder of a man. Today he is considered one of the most brilliant advertising writers in the country, with a reputation in every advertising club in the United States.

CENSURE ABUSE OF EARTH

Swedish Farmers Reprimanded for Failure to Properly Work Land.

In Sweden a farmer can be reprimanded by the governor of a province for abusing "mother earth." Over 1,100 cases of abusing farm land by neglecting to cultivate it properly have been dealt with during the last four years.

The Swedish cultivation extension committee has ruled a farmer should be censured for neglect of his land when the land was found overgrown with weeds, where a field yielded notably less than the neighboring fields, where the annual production decreased, or where grain had been disposed of unthreshed.

Sheriff's Sale.

The state of Texas, county of Wise. Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the honorable district court of Wise county, on the 8th day of February, 1923, by J. A. Moore, district clerk of said county, for the sum of forty-five hundred seven and twenty-one hundredths dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of H. G. Leonard, in a certain cause in said court, No. 5142, and styled H. G. Leonard vs. E. B. Moreland, et al, placed in my hands for service, I, W. M. Workman, as sheriff of Wise county, Texas, did, on the 8th day of February, 1923, levy on certain real estate, situated in Wise county, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Being out of blocks Nos. 52, 55 and 56 of the Matagorda county school land survey, described more particularly as follows: Beginning at the southwest corner of block No. 55, which is the southeast corner of block 51; thence north with the division line between blocks 51 and 55 to the northwest corner of block 55; thence west 125 varas, on north boundary line to block 51, to southwest corner of fifteen acre tract out of block 52 deeded by Hefley to McIlhenny; thence north 730 varas to northwest corner of said fifteen acre tract, in the center of creek where same empties into Garrett creek; thence down said Garrett creek with its meanderings in a northeast direction to the east end of the wooden bridge on said creek, which is the northwest corner of a tract of land deeded to G. A. Kirkpatrick, et al; thence south with the west line of said 100 acres to southwest corner of same on south boundary line of block 55; thence west to the beginning, containing 202 acres of land, more or less, being the same land conveyed to Porter Key by Thomas Kirkpatrick by deed recorded in volume 78, page 495 of the deed records of Wise county, Texas, and conveyed by said Porter Key and wife to E. B. Moreland, by deed shown of record in volume 96, page 365 of said Wise county deed records, and levied upon as the property of E. B. Moreland and W. H. Stroud, and that on the first Tuesday in March, 1923, the same being the 6th day of said month at the court house door, of Wise county, in the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of ten a. m. and four p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell said above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said E. B. Moreland and W. H. Stroud.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise county.

Witness my hand, this 8th day of February 1923.—W. M. WORKMAN, Sheriff, Wise County, Texas. By GEO. GAGE, Deputy. (Feb. 9-23)

Telephones in Finland.

Finland is a country about which we in the United States hear little, but it is nevertheless on the map telephonically speaking. Although accurate statistics are difficult to get, the latest reports indicate that there are in Finland about 45,000 telephones and a considerable number of interurban toll lines, all operated by private companies. In view of the fact that the population of the country is only 3,500,000, this represents a creditable telephone development, one which in fact exceeds that of France, Italy, or Belgium.

Atlas Peck, who has been trying Dr. Coue's "better and better" treatment on his bow legs, kept it up so long he is now knock-kneed.

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cigarettes

TURKISH VIRGINIA BURLEY

15 for 10¢

The AMERICAN TOBACCO CO.

MEN

If you are losing your manly strength—if you are weak, nervous, dependent or suffering from lost vitality from excess, age or other causes GLANDTONE will quickly restore you to normal strength and youthful vigor or no charge will be made. Write today for free instructive booklet mailed prepaid in plain wrapper.

PURITAN LABORATORIES
DEPT. 298 NASHVILLE, TENN.

Belew's Barber Shop

SANITARY SERVICE

EXPERT BARBERS

Spencer Bldg.-West Side

FARM IMPLEMENTS REDUCED

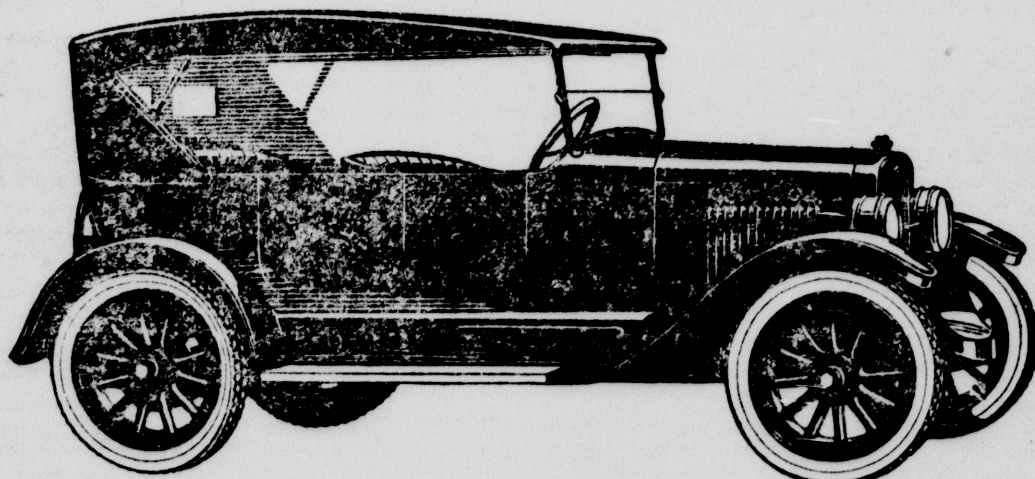
Our prices on seasonable implements are the most attractive we have ever offered, and is you are in need of implements and have not taken advantage of our prices, you are standing in you own light.

Our stock is complete, and we handle only the recognized standards in brands.

—Special attention is given to repairs, and a large stock of parts is carried.

HENRY ASKEY

—East Main Street—



Realize the Difference

—the easy-riding Triplex Springs (Patented) of the Overland—its bull-dog motor that does not pump oil.

—the twenty-five and better gasoline mileage of the Overland—its Timken and

New Departure bearings in front and rear axles.

—the all-steel body and baked enamel finish of the Overland—its longer lines, higher hood and lower seats. Drive an Overland and realize the difference.

The New Overland

\$525

Roadster \$525 • Coupe \$795 • Sedan \$860 • All Prices f. o. b. Toledo

See the Overland advertisement in the February 17th Saturday Evening Post

FRED FREEMAN - DEALER

Isn't It Funny?

Isn't it funny that a business man will say to his daughter: "Now, daughter, I hope when you get married you will marry a man who won't want to live with me;" and the daughter says: "I'm going to—it's Andrew Nutt;" and when the wedding day rolls around—and the wedding and everything; and a big write-up goes to the newspaper and the editor slaps a head on it reading "Mariana Richardson Marries a Nut," and everybody smiles and agrees with the idea; and Mariana cries, and father cusses because everybody kids about it; and the whole thing ends up in an awful mess just because the editor saved a little type—but Mr. Business Man still insists, as he always did, that advertising doesn't pay for no one ever reads the paper?

**Your Advertisement in the
Messenger is Read by
the Most People!**

FIRST IN CIRCULATION!

HANDLING GRAIN IN SACKS VERY COSTLY

Detailed Results of Recent Test
in Oregon Given.

Handling in Bulk Is Becoming Universally Recognized as Most Economical System and Is Gaining Rapidly in Favor.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

The unloading of sacked grain from cars requires 12 times the labor used in unloading the same quantity of bulk grain, recent tests conducted by E. N. Bates and A. L. Rush of the United States Department of Agriculture show. The tests also show that the cost of unloading sacked grain from a railroad car and piling the sacks in a warehouse is four times as much as the cost of unloading and placing in bins of an elevator an equal quantity of bulk grain. These tests were made at a modern terminal elevator and sack warehouse in Portland, Ore., and the detailed results are contained in Farmers' Bulletin 1290, entitled "The Bulk Handling of Grain," just published by the United States Department of Agriculture.

The bulletin states that the handling of grain in bulk is becoming universally recognized as the most economical grain-handling system known. The bulk handling system has long been in use in the large grain producing sections east of the Rocky mountains, but the Pacific coast states have until recent years handled grain almost entirely in bags. Bulk handling is now growing in favor in the Pacific coast states.

The chief advantages of bulk handling are said to be the saving in the cost of handling, the elimination of the cost of the bags, the prevention of waste from leaky bags, the ease and accuracy of inspecting the grain, and the convenience with which bulk grain can be conditioned and cleaned.

The time and labor saved on the farm by handling grain in bulk are even more striking than the saving at terminal points, the bulletin states, giving as a reason that the handling of grain in sacks is a slow and laborious process, and usually no mechanical equipment such as hand trucks and sack-piling machinery can be handled on the farm.

Large terminal elevators, equipped for receiving, handling, conditioning and delivering grain in bulk into vessels for export are now located at each of the Pacific coast seaboard markets, and many cargoes of grain loaded from these elevators are now being successfully exported in bulk.

The bulletin gives the results of investigations regarding the economical phases involved in the bulk and sack methods of handling grain and describes the equipment necessary for the successful handling of grain in bulk on the farm. Copies of the bulletin can be obtained free upon request to the United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

NEW MILLINERY

I will open a new millinery stock at Boyd, Texas, in W. R. Boyd's store on Friday, February 9th, and invite all the ladies to come at their earliest convenience and inspect same.

I have been in Dallas studying under Madame Bowman of New York the art of hat making and trimming, and feel that I can please you. Prices reasonable.

Mrs. M. S. Frazee-Boyd, Tex.

EXPOSURE TO RADIUM PRODUCES NEW PLANT

Experiments Made by Dr. C. Stuart Gager, Director of Brooklyn Botanic Garden.

The young fruit pods of the Jimson weed of our fields, when exposed to the rays of radium for as short a period as ten minutes will develop seeds producing many new or mutant types of plants, according to Dr. C. Stuart Gager, director of the Brooklyn Botanic garden. He spoke at the annual convention in Boston of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which was attended by more than 2,000 scientists from all parts of the country, his subject being the "Induction of Gene and Chromosome Mutations in Datura by Exposure to Radium Rays." The Datura is in vulgar parlance the Jimson weed, one of the most common of our weeds.

The scientific research work described by Dr. Gager is being carried on in collaboration with Dr. A. F. Blakeslee of the Carnegie Station for Experimental Evolution, at Cold Spring Harbor, Long Island, and is a continuation of previous investigations by Dr. Gager on the effect of radium on the growth and development of plants.

The new type of plants produced from the seeds which developed as a result of the experiment described may become progenitors of new and desirable varieties. One entirely new form appeared following exposure to the radium rays. It is hoped that these experiments may lead to a method of artificially inducing development of valuable new varieties of our cultivated plants.

Other Brooklyn Botanic garden officials to speak at Boston were Dr. Alfred Gundersen, associate curator of plants, and secretary of the Systematic section of the Botanical Society of America, and Dr. Arthur Harcourt, curator of public instruction.

Bring those magazines you have read to the Messenger office, and we will hand them out to people who do not have anything to read.

LEFT TOWN'S NAME TO LUCK

Men Who Had Decision Agreed to Decide Argument by the Flipping of a Coin.

The death of Francis W. Pettygrove, a former Portland (Me.) resident, which occurred recently in Portland, Ore., has brought to light the story of how the city on the Pacific coast almost was named Boston instead of Portland.

A flip of a coin fixed the name of Portland, Ore., on what was then but a tiny settlement.

The coin was flipped in the autumn of 1843. A man named A. L. Lovejoy of Boston, and a second named F. W. Pettygrove of Portland, Me., were new settlers in Oregon and were joint owners of a small store, one of a few buildings in a settlement on the Willamette river.

The settlement was called everything from "the village" to "Stumptown," and the partners determined to dignify it with a real name. Lovejoy wanted to call it Boston; Pettygrove preferred Portland.

Finally they agreed to toss a coin. The Portland man called the turn over the Boston man, and the village forthwith was named Portland, Ore.

The Size of Pygmies

There are certain popular errors concerning the race of under-sized men and women known as pygmies. Usually travelers have measured the most diminutive specimens and thus an exaggerated idea of their smallness has been produced. The average stature of the pygmies that have been measured is about four feet eight inches, but the best authorities in anthropology say that the real average limit of stature is five feet. Some are taller than that.

The pygmies have been found in eight or ten different places in central Africa, but wherever found they possess certain striking resemblances. The plant furnishing the covering for their huts is the same in the widely separated regions visited by Stanley and others, and the shape of the huts, a rough hemisphere, is the same. All the pygmies are alike characterized by neglect of agriculture, by the use of poisoned arrows and by the absence of any centralized tribal organization.

WHITEWASH IS POULTRY AID

Filth, Dampness, Improper Ventilation, Poor Feeding Are Causes of Disease.

Prevention is better than cure in the poultry business as in any other department of life. Filth, dampness, improper ventilation, improper feeding and introducing infected birds into the yard are common causes of disease. Clean the dropping boards daily and then sprinkle them with road dust, coal ashes or land-plaster to absorb the liquid excrement. New straw should be put into the nests every two or three weeks or oftener, especially



Whitewash Poultry House at Least Once Each Year.

If it becomes damp or dirty. Whitewash the quarters once a year at least, late in summer or early in the fall.

Free range and plenty of shade, especially during the hot days, are necessary if chickens are to grow rapidly and develop into vigorous flocks. Growing chickens that have free range find quantities of green feed, bugs, worms and other things, therefore require less grain, and they are less liable to sickness or disease.

NEW YORK IS CHIEF MARKET

Often Cited as Paying Highest Prices for Early Arrival of Fruit and Vegetables.

Of the leading markets New York is often quoted as paying the highest prices for very early arrivals of fruits and vegetables, but during the height of the season is often quoted below the others, says the United States Department of Agriculture.

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

I love the warm outdoors so much,
The ever-changing greens and blues.
I feel so sorry for my feet
Shut up all day in stiff dark shoes.



An Old Nickel.

"Say, cap, have you got an old nickel you can spare? I need a cup of coffee mighty bad."

A panhandler in the Rock Island station made this request and he put a slight emphasis on the adjective. It was the same he would have used if he had asked for an old hat or an old pair of shoes. He merely wanted an old nickel that had served its purpose and was no longer of use to the owner.

"It may have been unintentional, a mere slip of the tongue," said the man who was approached. "I gave him the coin he asked for and I have been wondering ever since what was going through his mind."—Chicago Journal.

Colorado Important State.

Colorado ranks seventh in size among the 48 states. It has a total area of 66,341,120 acres, or 103,650 square miles. It is more than twelve times the size of Massachusetts, approximately twice as large as Iowa and about the same size as New York, Ohio, Connecticut and New Hampshire combined. The extreme length of the state is 387 miles east and west, or 37 miles more than from New York to Portland, Me. Its width is about 276 miles, or the distance from Chicago to St. Louis. There are counties larger than several of the important states.

The Telephone in Asia.

Asia has 493,645 telephones, which allows but a tenth of a telephone for every one hundred people. The increase since 1914 is 61.3 per cent. It has about 1,200,000 miles of telephone wire, or two-tenths of a mile for each one hundred people.



THE DOLL'S PLAYROOM

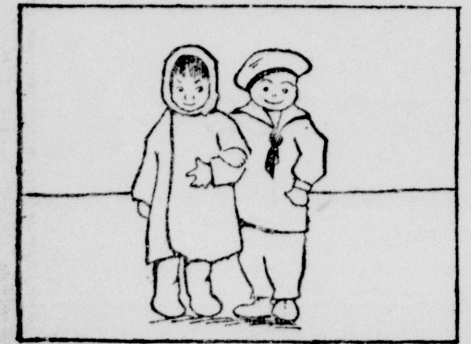
THE playroom toys could hardly wait for the magic hour to strike, for a strange-looking doll had come to the playroom and none of them could find out the name of the newcomer.

Teddy Bear spoke first, for the boys agreed that it might be a relative of his, as the stranger doll wore a fur costume which looked a lot like Teddy Bear's coat.

Teddy did not know quite how to address the stranger, for he was not at all sure whether it was a boy or girl doll. "We did not hear our little mistress call you by name," said Teddy Bear, "but we all welcome you to our playroom."

"I heard her say she thought she would name me Charles," replied the stranger, "but I should not like that for it is not at all like the name the Eskimo gives to his children."

The dolls and toys all gathered



The Toys Could Hardly Wait.

around and exclaimed: "Eskimo! Are you an Eskimo doll?"

"Yes," replied the stranger, "and I'd much rather be called North Wind or Polar Bear than Charles."

"Charles was the name of the nice guller-boy doll," said Teddy Bear quickly, for he was afraid Eskimo doll might choose Polar Bear for his name and so become a rival.

"Poor Sailor Charles fell out of the window and broke his head and we said he was very much. Charles is a nice name and I am sure you will like it."

"If I have to take his name I am glad I have on a thick fur hood," said Eskimo doll. "When I fall out of the window it may save my head."

"Oh, you may not fall," explained

Teddy Bear. "Our little mistress takes pretty good care of us. Some one opened the window and did not notice poor Charles sitting behind the curtain, so he tumbled out and spoiled his head."

Lisette, the French doll, interrupted him to ask, "I should like to know what you eat in a land where you have to wear such thick clothes as you have on."

Eskimo doll looked at Teddy Bear, but he decided that, while Teddy's family did not get as far north as where he came from, he would not mention bear meat.

"We live mostly on seal meat," said Eskimo doll, "and the blubber is the nicest thing you ever tasted."

"Better than candy?" asked Lisette. But Eskimo doll did not know, so he told them how they caught the seal, thinking that would be better than answering their questions.

"When we go seal hunting," he said, "we look for bubbles under the ice, which show us that a seal has come up to breathe. Then a hole is made in the ice, and when the seal comes along we spear it. On the end of the spear is a rope, and with this we pull the seal out of the water. We cut the skin into strips for reins, and it is also used for making out clothes; but everybody in the hunting party gets a piece of the blubber, which he likes very much."

"I reckon it won't be very hard to cook for you, honey," said Dinah doll, hurrying back to her kitchen.

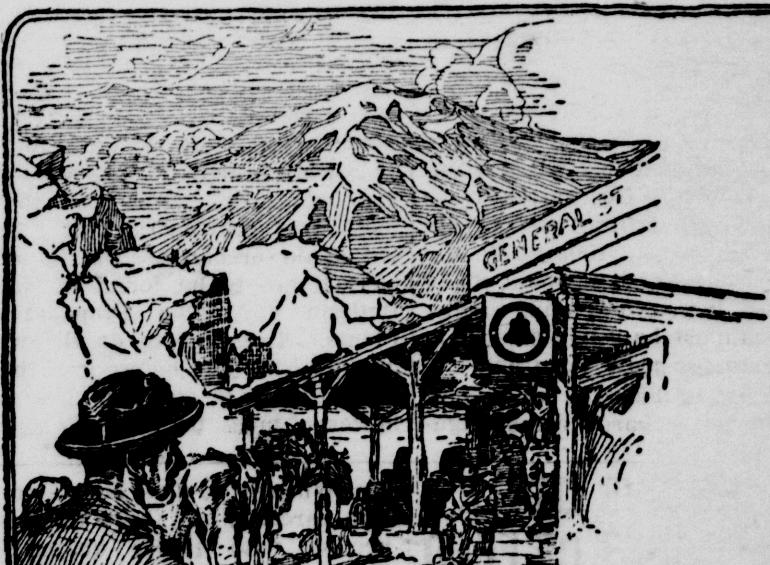
"Your story was very interesting," said Lisette. "I hope you will tell us more about your country some other night."

Teddy Bear, however, was more interested in his name than in his story. "I think Charles Eskimo is the best name for you in this part of the country," he said.

"I do not mind if I do not have to tumble out of the window," replied Eskimo doll, "although Polar Bear sounds bigger and."

Teddy Bear rather impolitely broke in right then by introducing him to the dolls and toys as "Charles Eskimo," and though he is very happy in his new home, Eskimo doll always keeps away from an open window, for he remembers the fate of Sailor Boy Charles, whose name he bears.

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